

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. J. M. Tindal, of Tindal, was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Dr. Frank H. Sanders and Dr. W. A. Alston, of Harrod, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gillespie and S. W. Gillespie, Jr., are the guests of Mrs. W. H. Bryan on North Main st.

Mr. J. A. Boykin and daughters, Misses Mattie and Meta, of Dalsell, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Scott, of Charleston, spent Monday with relatives in the city.

Naj. Abe Levi returned to Manning Tuesday morning after spending Monday and Monday night in the city.

Mr. L. I. Straus went to Sumter Monday afternoon on business.

Mr. W. S. Jones has gone to Georgetown on business.

Mr. A. A. Breahey, of St. Charles, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mr. Moultrie Hudson, of St. Charles was in town Monday.

Mr. Tiny Idol, who has been collector for the Bank of Sumter for the past year, has resigned his position at the bank and accepted a position in Valdosta, Ga. His friends wish him success in his new position.

Mr. R. B. Hare, road master of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. R. I. Manning went to Columbia Wednesday morning on business.

Dr. W. T. McLeod, of Lynchburg, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Ed. Sompayrac, of Columbia, one of the supervising architects of the Y. M. C. A. was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Hasell Brand, of Augusta, passed through the city Wednesday morning on her way home from Bennettsville.

Miss Helen Beaumont is home on a few day's visit to her mother.

Mrs. Thompson and her daughter, Mrs. Herring, who have been the guests of Mr. J. K. Crosswell for the past few days at the Hotel Sumter, returned to Camden Wednesday morning, at which place they are spending the winter.

Mr. O. V. Pleyer and his bride, who was formerly of Florence, have returned to Sumter after a trip to Florida and other States.

Mr. R. C. Rembert, of the University of South Carolina, passed through the city Wednesday night on his way home at Bishopville to spend the Washington Birthday holiday.

Mr. J. H. Cunningham, formerly of this city, but now of Branchville, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday. He will leave shortly for Charleston, which place he will make his future home.

Conference of High School Teachers.

The first session of the conference of high school teachers will be held on Friday evening at 8:30 in the studio of L. C. Moise. The next session will be in the auditorium of the Calhoun school building at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning. It will be a very acceptable act of courtesy if these visiting teachers are met in automobiles at the station on Friday evening and taken for a half hour's ride on Saturday morning. Attention such as these not only leave a most pleasing impression; but also help to maintain a city's reputation for cordial hospitality.

A Message of Greeting From the State High School Inspector.

To the high school teachers to be in attendance at the conference in Sumter on Friday night and Saturday, I extend in advance a most cordial greeting. Through these conferences come to me the most cheering hope for the future. To them the teachers of the high schools, public and private, come together to compare their experiences and to report their successes, and come heart to heart to gather new inspiration and courage and to plan for the months to come. In catching a new vision of better things the petty trials and disappointments and the daily grind of the schoolroom are forgot and the teachers return to their work exhilarated. Upon the preparation, the wisdom, the fidelity, and the courage of you teachers rest in a large measure the destinies of the 8,500 high school boys and girls of this State. Great is your obligation but greater is your opportunity, and great is my faith in you to meet these. May our coming together give a permanent uplift to us all.

Cordially, W. H. HAND.

A Coming Marriage.

Columbia Record.

The following announcement from the Savannah Press will be of interest here to friends of both parties: "Savannah friends of Miss Harvie Hull will be interested in her approaching marriage to Mr. Robert M. Cooper, Jr., of Columbia, S. C. The wedding will take place quietly in Atlanta on the 17th of April.

"Miss Hull is a Savannah girl who has made her home in Atlanta only of late. She remains closely identified with the social life here as she frequently returns to visit relatives. "Mr. Cooper is a South Carolina planter and makes his home near Columbia."

Miss Hull, who was graduated in piano at the College for Women, 1909, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Baker in Columbia on several occasions, and few visitors to the city have such popularity as she enjoys here. Her coming is always accounted by Columbia society as an event of delightful interest and of the first importance. Mr. Cooper is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, his sister, Miss Netta Cooper, being a graduate of the College for Women. He has friends by the scores in Columbia—throughout the State, in fact. He is in charge of extensive planting operations at Wisacky with his father.

Death of Bishopville Citizen.

Mr. Wm. H. Crosswell, a relative of Mr. Jno. K. Crosswell and others of this city, passed away Wednesday morning at his home "Alcot," four miles east of Bishopville. The funeral services were held Thursday at Mt. Enoch church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Crosswell was well known and highly thought of by all in Bishopville, and there are numbers of his friends in this city who will be sorry to learn of his death.

CHANGES IN OFFICES.

A Number of Business Houses in City Make or to Make Changes.

There has been some moving among the business houses of the city recently and there will probably be considerably more in the near future. Several of the changes are brought about by prospective building and others by the recent completion of new office buildings.

H. L. Tisdale has moved from 37 North Main street, to South Main street, in the old postoffice building, taking up the quarters until recently occupied by the McCallum Realty Company. The McCallum Realty Company have moved out of their quarters into the office with Wallace and Moses and T. M. Bradley and Company. They expect to move out the first of March into their new building on the old Hotel Jackson lot, opposite the postoffice. Wallace and Moses will also move into the same building at the same time, if it is sufficiently advanced towards completion. The offices now occupied by them will be retained by T. M. Bradley and Company who have moved out of their former quarters next to the Postal Telegraph Company.

P. Krasnoff now occupies the store on North Main street formerly occupied by H. L. Tisdale, a move of two doors from his former quarters. Before moving into this building the windows were changed, different shelving placed in to accommodate the incoming tenant, and the wood work of the building repainted. The Sumter Hardware Company will move from their present quarters, which will be torn down after the first of March, into the store on North Main street formerly occupied by P. Krasnoff and make this their future stand. A number of changes will be made in the store before the removal is made.

Marriage Licenses.

Tuesday two marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk of court and both marriages were performed in the court house by Deputy Clerk of Court Junius Parrott. John B. McIntosh and Miss Adeline Scott of Pinewood came in during the morning and after securing their license were married by Mr. Parrott.

Later in the day Willie Curry and Susie Scipio, colored of Sumter, secured their license and were also married by Mr. Parrott.

Wednesday marriage licenses were issued to Matthew Choice and Agnes James of Sumter, and John Amos and Josephine Byrd of Tindal, all colored.

That Snowy Sunday.

No matter how many negroes there are, this certainly was a white State Sunday.—News and Courier. And more white cooks than colored in the kitchens Sunday morning.—Lancaster News.

A TERRIBLE FIRE.

SWEEPS THROUGH HOUSTON AND CAUSES LOSS OF ABOUT \$7,000,000.

Thousands in Bitter Weather, Homes Having Been Destroyed, Burned Area Mile and a Half Long—No Lives Lost in Disaster.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 21.—In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, smouldering wreckage tonight covers an area about one and a-half miles in length and varying in width from 200 yards to half a mile, in the northeastern section of the city. More than a dozen of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins; 200 or more dwellings and store buildings are in ashes and approximately 1,000 persons are homeless. The most conservative estimates is that the monetary loss will reach at least \$7,000,000. The insurance carried will not exceed 40 per cent. No casualties attended the fire.

Buffalo bayou, a narrow coffee colored stream, was the scene of the battle royal against the flames. Here after the fire had swept on, with scarcely a semblance of control, four hours, the firemen made a desperate stand, and although the fire leaped the bayou at places, the conflagration was checked.

The fire started early this morning in a two-story frame structure near Hardy and Opelouses streets, and spread to a feed store. Then it jumped simultaneously to three more frame boarding houses and the roar of the flames on a 35-mile northwest wind began to be ominous. The Star and Crescent hotel, a brick structure, next caught.

From that moment the fire seemed beyond control. Driving ahead with frightful rapidity, it swayed from side to side and tongues of sparks sometimes seemed to reach out three blocks ahead, all the time eating steadily toward the more thickly populated section of the city across Buffalo bayou.

At times bolts of flame would be come detached, lighting on houses perhaps two blocks distant and firing them. A score of times women had just time to seize their babies and dash madly to the streets.

With hundreds it was a race for life, and these made no effort to save property.

As the flames advanced a perfect army of night-clothes clad men, women and children formed and dashed on and on, being driven from one place of refuge to another by the progress of the flames. Cool heads, finally realized the danger, assumed charge of the situation, and in a short time compelled refugees to go to the rear of the destructive flames.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES ELECTED.

County Convention Met Wednesday for Purpose of Electing State and Congressional Delegates.

The County Republican Convention met Wednesday shortly after noon in Andrew's Hall and elected delegates to the State and Congressional conventions which will be held in Columbia on February 29th and March 27th, respectively, to elect delegates to the National Republican Convention which will be held in Chicago in May.

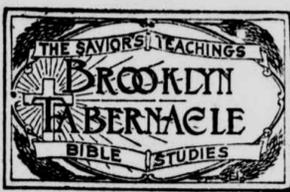
The delegates elected to go from Sumter county to the State convention, which will elect four delegates at large to the National Convention, were W. T. Andrews, R. H. Richardson, M. J. Frederick; alternates, C. F. Brogdon, E. A. Walters, and E. E. Jones.

The delegates elected to attend the Congressional Convention, at which two delegates to the National Convention will be chosen were: W. D. Capers, C. F. Brogdon, J. E. Campbell, R. H. Richardson, M. J. Frederick, alternates R. M. James and W. W. Wilson.

The Split Log Drag.

Rock Hill Herald. Charleston News and Courier thinks that the newspapers of this State are engaged in a contest to determine which one can most effectively "preach the virtues of the split log drag." Mr. J. Edgar Poag will please take notice that Rock Hill is as "forward" as the others in this particular.

A large tree was blown down on South Main street near the postoffice Wednesday night by the wind, but no damage was done. This morning the streets hands were engaged in cutting the tree off the sidewalk, a considerable job as the tree was a big oak. Other damage of lesser extent was done elsewhere in the city by the wind, one of the electric lights being blown down near the railroad crossing.



DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS. Mark i, 9-11; Matthew iv, 1-11—Feb. 25. "For in that He Himself hath suffered, being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted."—Hebrews ii, 18.

OUR STUDY for today is a most interesting one. It points to the time when Jesus reached the age of thirty and was permitted to offer Himself without spot to God as the world's Sin-offering.

There the Redeemer became the antitypical Passover Lamb, the antitypical bullock of the Atonement Day Sin-offering. There He gave up His life to the doing of the Father's will; there He as the Man Jesus died; there He as the antitypical bullock was slain; there He was begotten of the Holy Spirit and became the antitypical Priest—the Sacrificer. Through the following three and a half years of His ministry He carried out this consecration and completed it at Calvary, crying, "It is finished!"



"Baptized of John in Jordan."

When Jesus received the begetting of the Holy Spirit at His baptism it was the begetting to the divine nature, and with it came great enlightenment to His mind, as represented in the words, "And the heavens were opened unto Him." Forthwith He could see clearly into the Divine purposes respecting Himself in a manner not possible to Him prior to His consecration.

At once the Master realized the full import of the Day of Atonement sacrifices, of the Passover lamb slain, of the prophecies that spoke of Himself as being led as a lamb to the slaughter, and of His being the antitype of the brazen serpent, lifted on high for the healing of Adam's sin-bitten race.

Led of the Spirit—Into Temptation.

As these thoughts began to rush into the Savior's mind, He was first of all pressed of the spirit (His own spirit) to go apart for a while and to study out the full import of the Law and the Prophets and His own obligations according to the Covenant He had just made. For forty days and nights His intense earnestness made Him oblivious to almost everything else. Apparently He neither ate nor slept until the forty days were ended; and He "afterward hungered."

Then it was that the Adversary appeared as a tempter—at the moment of His physical weakness as the result of fasting—when His soul was overwhelmed with the realization of the importance of the great contract He had made and of what it would cost Him to fulfill its terms. It was the severest test imaginable. Would the Redeemer prove loyal to God—to the Divine Program—to His covenant of consecration, unto death? Or would He feel that the Father had poured too bitter a cup for Him—that God had made the tests of loyalty and obedience too severe—that it was neither just nor loving to allow Him to enter into such a contract?

How glad we are to note the loyalty which triumphed over every temptation! With the angels we acclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!" To Him be glory, honor, dominion and might everlasting!

Tempted as We Are.

The Savior was not tempted with the habits of a drunkard nor the weaknesses of a debauchee or a libertine, neither are those the temptations which come to us—His footsteps followers. We are to remember that the Scriptures clearly differentiate between us and the world: "Ye are not of the world even as I am not of the world." "Tempted like as we are," therefore signifies that the temptations or trials which Jehovah permits to come upon His consecrated people are of the same kind that He permitted to come upon our Redeemer.

It is important, therefore, that we notice the character of our tests. God is not testing us to see whether or not our flesh is perfect, for He knew all along that amongst men there is none righteous, no, not one. The Father's tests for those whom He receives as sons are tests of loyalty to Him, loyalty to the principles of righteousness, to the Truth, to the Divine methods—a refusal to take our own way or to seek our own glory at the expense of Truth or of the Divine method.

Our Lord was indignant that it should be thought for a moment that having left the heavenly glory to do the Father's will, He should now prove traitor to His covenant, and for fear of the cross and the shame and the death He should enter into a confederacy with the great Arch-enemy of righteousness—Satan. He answered, "Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written: 'Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.' I will not serve you nor cooperate with you in any sense of the word." "Then the Devil leaveth Him." We are to resist the Adversary courageously that he may leave us permanently, seeing no hope of winning us.

Mr. W. H. Ingram, of Columbia, was in Sumter Thursday.

Y. M. C. A. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Building Committee Requests That All Outstanding Subscriptions Be Paid.

At a meeting Monday of the building committee of the Y. M. C. A. it was decided to request all persons who had not paid their subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A. to pay these subscriptions up in the next week, either in cash or by note, so that the money would be on hand to pay for the furniture which is now being installed in the building.

The secretary was instructed to call upon each person who had not paid up in full and get such person to settle up his subscription, if possible, during the week, as another meeting of the committee would be called for next Monday at which time bills amounting to a considerable sum would come up which it was necessary to pay off at once. These bills are for the furniture and gymnasium apparatus ordered by the building committee and, as the articles were purchased at a very low rate, it was necessary to pay cash for them.

It is for this reason that the building committee is so anxious to have those who promised subscriptions for the building pay up and they sincerely hope that their request will be well received and a generous response be made to it.

RETAILERS ENDORSE E. W. DABBS.

Resolution of Association Adopted at General Meeting Tuesday Night.

At the meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association, which was held in the Chamber of Commerce hall Tuesday night, a resolution was adopted endorsing E. W. Dabbs, president of the State Farmers' Union, for the position of commissioner created by the recently passed cotton warehouse act.

The resolution is as follows:

"Resolution of the Retail Merchants' Association of Sumter, S. C., adopted at a general meeting, February 20, 1912.

"To the members of the legislature of South Carolina; Whereas, an Act has been passed known as the 'Cotton Warehouse Act' which will provide for the better warehousing of cotton in this State; and, Whereas, This Act provides for the election by your honorable body of three commissioners:

"Resolved, That this body hereby endorses Mr. E. W. Dabbs, a resident of this county and a member of this Chamber for the position of Commissioner, and we further desire to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Dabbs has long been an earnest worker for the best interests of the farmers of this State and is thoroughly familiar with the needs and agricultural conditions of the State as a whole. Improvement in agricultural conditions means increased business for the merchant. This body would be gratified, therefore, if Mr. Dabbs were elected to fill one of these positions."

Signed, J. H. LEVY, President. A. V. SNELL, Secretary.

IN BEHALF OF RESCUE HOME.

Colored Preacher Here to Raise Funds for Worthy Cause.

Rev. Will Ratliff (colored), of Bennettsville, S. C., who was educated by the late Col. C. S. McCall and his heirs and other leading white people of Bennettsville is in Sumter in the interest of the "Southern Rescue Home" and Bennettsville Industrial School," of which he is president.

Ratliff is traveling all over the South and trying to get his race awakened to the fact that the white people of the South are among their best friends. He has several letters of introduction from some of the leading white people of Bennettsville and several other places. The work in which he is engaged is a worthy one and is the leading enterprise the negro has introduced that meets the approval and approbation of the Southern white man.

Whether Is Better?

News and Courier.

The Newberry Herald and News bears that Col. L. M. Green had been slated for Col. Ebbie Watson's job, the filling of which the Legislature is trying to take away from the Governor. One great difference between the two colonels, we believe, is that Col. Ebbie made his reputation as a traveler while Col. Green made his by staying at home.

If Council sticks by its resolution at the last regular meeting, it will be only two more days before property owners on Main and Liberty streets who have gutter pipes emptying from the roofs of their buildings on the sidewalks will be hauled up before the Recorder for violation of one of the city ordinances adopted in the past.

STOP SALE OF CIDER.

Town Council Tells Merchants not to Get Any More of Beverage—Personal News.

Mayesville, Feb. 20.—The town council has placed the ban on the sale of "cider" in this town. A few days ago, all of the merchants dealing in this beverage were notified that after they had disposed of the stocks on hand, the sale of this drink would be prohibited by the town authorities. This so-called cider has had a large sale here since the voting out of the dispensary and it is said that it is sold extensively in all prohibition territory. There is no doubt that some of this stuff will produce intoxication, particularly the brand most popular here, although the federal government has never placed any revenue on it. The right of a municipality to prohibit the sale of a drink that might not be considered intoxicating by the government may be a nice question, but there can be no doubt that the action of the town council will meet with the approval of the majority of the citizens. Even some of the dealers in this cider have expressed themselves as glad that the sale of it will be stopped. As some of these merchants have quite good supplies on hand, it will be sometime yet before the sale is completely stopped here. While the exact ingredients of this beverage are not known, it is safe to say that it contains chemicals that are injurious to the stomach. It is not a pure fruit product by any means.

The egg market has been unusually high this winter and although spring is approaching, the price continues high and the articles scarce. A few years ago, eggs were always plentiful in this section in the spring and could be purchased as low as ten cents a dozen, but now-a-days one is fortunate to get any at twenty-five cents or even thirty. Fowls of all kinds are scarce and consequently high in price. The buyer in the small town no longer has much advantage over the city resident in buying such things.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kahn left on Sunday for a trip to several northern cities on pleasure and business combined.

Mr. W. B. Chandler of Columbia was in town for a few hours on Saturday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmon Burgess have gone to Foreston to visit relatives.

Mr. W. H. Hudson, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is out again to the delight of his many friends.

Mr. H. S. Thomas and family, who have been living at Springfield, Ga. for several years, have moved to Mayesville.

Dr. W. M. Bradley has returned from Baltimore where he attended an operation for appendicitis on his nephew, Mr. H. W. Corbett, who is reported to be doing well.

Hon. R. I. Manning of Sumter was in town this morning on business.

Judge R. O. Purdy, R. J. Bland, Esq., and Mr. Geo. D. Shore were in town for a short time today on their way to Shiloh to attend a hearing of the Shore-Averbuck case before Magistrate Pleyer.

Mr. J. E. Anderson of the Atlantic Coast Line is at home today after an absence of several days in Florence.

Chimneys a Guide to Titles.

(Vaughan Kester: "The Prodigal Judge.")

"First I want to ask you, did you ever hear tell of titles?"

"I certainly have," he rejoined promptly. "Back in North Carolina we went by the chimneys."

"Chimneys? What's chimneys got to do with titles?" asked Polly, while her husband appeared profoundly mystified.

"A whole lot, ma'am. If a man had two chimneys to his house we always called him colonel; if there was four chimneys we called him general."

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinman & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS—Eggs for setting from select pen, prize winning strains, \$1.25 per 15. Eggs from yard, all thoroughbreds, \$1 for 15. H. G. Osteen, 314 W. Hampton.

FOR SALE—Single comb white Leghorn eggs for hatching, \$1.25 per 15. 2500 per 100. A. C. Davis, Davis Station, S. C.