

The Watchman and Southron.

Journal of the Festivities of Sumter, S. C., and Several Other Matters.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. R. T. Gillespie of Effingham is visiting Mrs. Rose J. ... on Warren street.

Mr. E. H. McLean, district passenger agent of the Southern Railway Company with headquarters in Columbia, was in the city Thursday.

Rev. H. C. Bethea, of Rembert, was in the city Friday.

Mrs. Austin, of Buffalo, N. Y., mother of Mrs. C. H. Barnum, and Mrs. Kinfine of Baltimore, Md., are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Barham on Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jenkins, who have been in St. Louis for the past two months, have returned to their home in the city.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. K. Bradford have gone to Florida for a stay of several weeks on account of the health of the sheriff.

NIGRO KILLED AT CATCHALL.

Coroner Seale and Deputy Sheriff Forbes were called to Catchall today to hold an inquest into the killing at about 7 o'clock last night of Herbert Seymour by William Bolen, a colored preacher. The shooting occurred following an attack by Seymour of Bolen's daughter. Immediately after the killing Bolen gave himself up to Rural Policeman Hambleton Boykin, who brought him to Sumter and lodged him in jail last night.

This morning Deputy Sheriff Forbes took the prisoner with him to Catchall for the inquest. A verdict by the jury was to the effect that Herbert Seymour came to his death of a gunshot wound received at the hands of William Bolen.

Mrs. James Graham Entertains.

A very pleasant reception was given on Thursday afternoon at her residence on West Calhoun street by Mrs. James D. Graham to a number of friends. About 30 ladies called between 4.30 and 5.30 o'clock and were delightfully entertained by the hostess.

Death of T. J. Holliday.

T. J. Holliday a well known citizen of the Brogdon section of the county, died last night, after an illness of some length, aged 77 years. Mr. Holliday was a Confederate veteran, having served through the entire War of Secession. He left Sumter in the first company to go from here in command of Capt. John S. Richardson.

The deceased is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters. The funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Zoar church.

The many friends of Dr. Walter J. Bristow, who left Sumter last summer for Washington, D. C., where he entered a hospital, will be interested to know that he has successfully passed the examination for appointment as a surgeon in the United States army. The commission will carry with it the grade and pay of a first lieutenant.

Mr. H. T. Edens of Daisell was on yesterday presented by his wife with his twenty-first child. Mr. Edens has thirteen children living, eight sons and five daughters, several of the sons being grown men.

The farmers and business men of Sumter county are requested to attend a very important meeting of the State Warehouse Association to be held in Columbia on next Monday night at 8 o'clock. The place of meeting will be announced later.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily by **HARBY & CO.** Cotton Buyers. Middling, Nominal.

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Open High Low Close Close
Feb . . . 15.20 16.00 14.95 15.86 .02
May . . . 15.35 16.00 .05 .99 .10
Oct . . . 15.30 16.08 15.10 16.04 15.12
July . . . 14.85 15.63 14.80 15.62 14.70
Dec . . . 15.73 .05 .73 14.82

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

FRANK M. SPANN DEAD.

Well Known Citizen Dies Very Suddenly at His Home on Calhoun Street.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 3.

The news of the death of Frank M. Spann, which came very suddenly this morning at his home on East Calhoun street, came as a distinct shock to his many friends and relatives here, as he was apparently in his usual state of health and had not been sick.

Mr. Spann has been ill for several years, but has been able to be up and to go about as usual. This morning in an effort to thaw out the water pipes in his house, which were frozen by the excessive cold last night, he is thought to have overexerted himself and a hemorrhage was brought on. Mr. Spann called for help when the attack came on and help was summoned as speedily as possible, but death followed in about fifteen minutes after he was taken ill.

The funeral services will be held from the late residence on East Calhoun street at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will be conducted by the Rev. J. P. Marion. Interment will be at the Sumter cemetery.

Mr. Spann was a son of the late Robert S. Spann of this county. He was 51 years of age and was a well known and highly respected citizen. He was actively engaged in business as salesman until about three years ago, when he was forced to retire on account of the state of his health. He was for many years active in the various secret orders of the community, being a past Master of Claremont Lodge, A. F. M., and a past Chancellor of Game Cock Lodge, K. of P. He was also connected with other orders and associations.

He was married to Miss Emily McKell of this city, who, with one son, T. Baker Spann, a student at the University of Virginia, survives him. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Henry Spann, Sumter; Robert Spann, Florida, a sister, Mrs. Geo. Foxworth, Sumter, and a half brother, J. McFadden Spann of Florence.

ALL READ ESTATE RETURNED.

Sumter County Property not Included in That Left OR of Tax Books.

The sweeping assertion of the State tax commission and governor that ten per cent. of the real estate within the State is not returned for taxation has caused County Auditor Wilder to do some figuring on his own behalf and he is assured that while the State tax commission may know what it is talking about that, it does not apply to Sumter county. However, there may be other counties where much of the real estate is not returned and has therefore escaped taxation, but in Sumter county the indications are that more real estate is returned for taxation than is given in the government survey of the county.

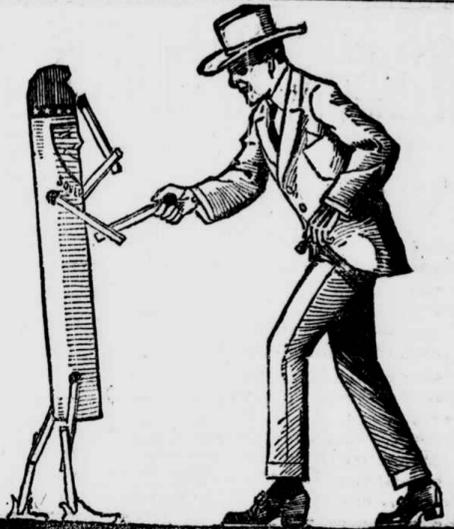
The government survey gives Sumter county 339,120 acres of land. There are returned and on the tax books 373,627 acres of land in the county. This leaves 15,493 acres of land to be accounted for. Of this amount 9,502 acres are accounted for as being exempt from taxation, or as not included in the acreage. Then 9,502 acres included the city of Sumter, 1,900 acres, Mayesville, Tuomey Hospital property, 2,900 acres, State farm, 4,000 acres (estimated), poor farm 64 acres, Sumter Cemetery Association, 50 odd acres. This still leaves 5,991 acres to be accounted for. There are 600 miles of public roads, 141.49 miles of railroads, which are not included in the other estimates, besides graveyards, church and public school property, which is exempt from taxation, which would seemingly more than amount to the remainder of the 5,991 acres left to be accounted for. The rights of way of the railroads and of public roads are of various widths and their acreage therefore cannot be accurately estimated, nor can the acreage of public school and church property, which varies from an acre to five acres, be estimated with any degree of accuracy, or the amount of land devoted to graveyards.

However, the figures would indicate that in Sumter county ten per cent. of the real estate is not left off the tax books, but that if any property is left off the books, it is a very small amount, or in very small tracts.

All of the old timers are talking about how much colder it was when they were boys. The coldest spell The Item force recollects was January 12th to 16th, 1886, when all the mill ponds in this section were frozen three to five inches thick. There was also extremely cold weather in the winter of 1894-95 and in February 1899. The blizzard of 1899 was one of the worst within the recollection of anyone now living.

Columbus, N. M., Feb. 5.—Gen. Pershing rode out of Mexico today at the head of more than ten thousand soldiers composing the punitive expedition. It is planned to split the expeditionary column into numerous detachments and send them to different border points.

A Southern Gentleman Makes a New Friend



I was real tickled today—I made a new friend. And now you bet you, he's some tickled, too.

You see, he is a mighty good fellow—son of a big planter—has bundles of money; can buy anything he wants. And he knows all about tobacco!

He was telling around that he would give a heap for a cigarette that just hit his

smoke taste. So I had them wrap me up and I went to the rich planter man.

"Sir, I am a real cigarette," I said. "I am sure you'll like me. I have good blood in my veins. I am of fine Virginia and Carolina stock and was raised in a clean, wholesome home. I am a gentleman of quality—the Quality of the South."

So the planter's son tried me and he liked me, because

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

Now my planter's son and I—we're real friends. He buys me regularly, and he tells everybody that you can't buy a better cigarette than SOVEREIGN at any price!

Why can't I be your friend, too? And, remember this—

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.

Sovereign Cigarettes

FOR THE GENTLEMAN OF THE SOUTH
"King of Them All"

TOBACCO PLANTS KILLED.

Farmers Will Have to Replant Seed Beds—Supply of Tobacco Seed Ordered by Telegraph.

Judging from the number of reliable white farmers of Sumter and Clarendon counties who either came in themselves or telephoned the Sumter Chamber of Commerce last Sunday for more tobacco seed for replanting beds, coupled with the statement that all of the tobacco beds in their neighborhoods had been killed by the unprecedented freezing weather of last Friday and Saturday, and from other information gathered by Secretary Reardon of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, it now looks as though the tobacco industry in this section of the State has suffered another disastrous set back equal to if not exceeding the damage to beds of the winter of 1916.

Letters and telephone messages asking that more seed be sent are still coming into the secretary's office. Additional information received over the phone today tends to confirm the first estimate of an almost total loss of the tobacco beds in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties.

Just as soon, last Saturday, as Secretary Reardon could secure sufficient information to warrant him in believing that nearly all the tobacco beds in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties had been killed he immediately wired J. W. Glenn, of Elkins,

North Carolina, the lessee of the tobacco warehouse in this city for more seed, following the wire with special delivery letter giving fuller information as was given the Chamber of Commerce from different sections of the bright leaf tobacco territory.

He advised Mr. Glenn to come to Sumter and visit the tobacco farms to gain more intelligent information, but in the meantime to rush more seed at once by special delivery parcels post. Of course the amount of damage or the number of beds killed cannot be accurately estimated yet, but approximating the number of beds ruined by the cold snap that had been protected by additional covering of bags and pine straw as stated by the farmers talking with the secretary, it is safe to assume that hundreds of beds not protected are also dead.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce is doing its best to assist the tobacco planters to replant their beds at the earliest possible moment, and the commercial organization points out these facts for the information of the tobacco planters.

Last winter (1916) the big freeze that destroyed practically the entire tobacco crop in the beds came along much later than this year by several weeks.

Additional seed for replanting beds were secured and distributed by the Chamber of Commerce, and every tobacco bed replanted, even at that late date, turned out alright in plenty of

time for setting out the plants, but the 1916 tobacco crop was about 30 days behind in maturing.

Therefore, the tobacco planters should not be discouraged, but should immediately replant their beds.

The loss of the tobacco crop for this year would mean the loss of several hundred thousands of dollars to Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties, as a very large acreage, approximately 4,000 acres, had been prepared for in tobacco beds. "If I can get the seed or the money to buy seed, we will hustle things along for another big acreage of tobacco for 1917," says Secretary Reardon. "A lot of work and pulling together lands the whale."

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce is doing everything that it possibly can to show the farmers that it is wise to replant their tobacco beds and secure good prices for their 1917 tobacco crops.

A special campaign will be put on as soon as Mr. Glenn reaches Sumter and he, with the commercial secretary, will go out by automobile to distribute seed, and will leave supplies of seed at different stores in the country and smaller towns in the territory from which Sumter derives its trade.

If Mr. Glenn does not arrive by tomorrow morning it is expected that the seed will be in the Chamber of Commerce by Wednesday any how.

A license to marry has been issued to Willie Futler and Rosanna Davis, Oswego.

ALL OUT OF SORTS.

Has Any Sumter Person Never Felt That Way?

Feel all out of sorts?
Tired, blue, irritable, nervous?
Back feel lame and achy?
Perhaps it's the story of disordered kidneys—

Bad blood circulating about;
Uric acid poisoning the body.
There's a way to feel right again.
Stimulate the sluggish kidneys;
Do it with Doan's Kidney Pills.
Doan's are recommended by many Sumter people.

Here's one case:
Mrs. C. H. Waddell, 117 Kendrick St., Sumter, says: "I had dull pains in the small of my back, also headaches and dizzy spells. The kidney secretions passed too freely, causing me great annoyance. When I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills, I used them and they relieved all the ailments."

Price 50c., at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Waddell had. Foster-Milburn, Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Unless the South produces a big crop of corn and other food crops this year it will not be prosperous, regardless of the price of cotton.