

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Strauss left Monday afternoon for New York where they will spend ten days or two weeks.

Messrs. S. R. Chandler and Louis Lyles of O'Donnell & Co., went to New York Monday.

Mr. Joseph M. Chandler left on Monday night for New York.

Mrs. G. W. Dick, who has been visiting relatives in Columbia, has returned home.

Mr. Leon M. Green, of Columbia, spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

Miss Cella Weil, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Abe Ryttenburg, returned Monday to her home in Savannah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stradley, of Hendersonville who have been on a two months visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Kelly, returned to their home Tuesday.

Miss Leslie Brown is visiting her parents on Calhoun St. Miss Brown is a recent graduate of the Roper Hospital of Charleston.

Mr. A. J. Ard returned Wednesday from a business trip to Pine-wood.

Mr. N. S. McLeod, of Swimming Ponds, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Faircloth is visiting Mr. C. L. Stamba.

Mrs. J. M. Witsell, of Walterboro, is spending a few days with Mrs. H. G. Osteen.

Messrs. C. G. Rowland and Geo. D. Spora have returned from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Lewis and Mrs. A. G. Davis, who have been visiting Mrs. E. W. Moise, have returned to their home in New York.

Mrs. E. H. Harby and Miss Virginia Harby have returned from a trip to Florida.

Miss Martha Alderman, of Alcolu, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. C. Shaw.

Mrs. L. L. Drake has returned from a visit to Henderson, N. C.

Mrs. Eugenia Frazer, who is visiting relatives in this section, returned Wednesday from a visit to Clarendon county. Mrs. Frazer will leave next Monday for her home in Virginia.

THE PIANO CONTEST.

This Tells How to Obtain 260,000 Votes.

We want to increase the subscription list of the Watchman and Southron even more than it has already been increased as the result of the Piano Contest, and we make this offer to contestants: For 100 new paid in advance subscriptions to the Watchman and Southron, we will give 100,000 votes as bonus in addition to the 260,000 regular votes. Think of it, 120,000 votes for 100 new subscribers! For 200 new subscriptions the regular and bonus votes will be 260,000 votes. Get your friends to subscribe. One subscription for two years will count as two subscriptions.

Passenger Train Side-Swiped.

As the train for Charleston came into the station here Wednesday night the Pullman was side-swiped by a coal car. The coal car was backed into the Pullman, badly scarring it up and breaking the gas connections, thus disabling it. The porter went through immediately after the crash and warned all to put out cigars and refrain from striking matches. Fortunately no one was hurt. The Pullman was side-tracked and left here all night.

It is almost a miracle that no one was hurt. The accident happened just as the passenger was pulling into the station. The Pullman was struck in front and all the glasses on the left side were broken. There were eight passengers aboard the Pullman, including two ladies and a gentleman who were on the left side of the train. How none of these were hurt is a wonder. Among the passengers were Traffic Manager R. A. Brand, of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. P. A. Wilcox, division counsel.

One of the most attractive windows in the city is that of the O'Donnell Co. It represents "George" cutting his father's cherry tree. It is something artistic and seasonable.

Monday is the last day for paying taxes without the seven per cent. penalty. Only a few more days. If you have forgotten the matter, it will pay you to attend to it at once. March 15 is the last day for paying them at all. After that the sheriff is issued an execution and the costs are added.

Mr. L. D. Jennings is a candidate for Mayor, but it is not known who will oppose him.

DEATH.

Mrs. Anna O'Neill, wife of Mr. L. Arthur O'Neill, of Charleston, died Monday of paralysis, after an illness of several weeks at her home in Charleston. She is survived by her husband and one son, and two sisters, Mrs. Neill O'Donnell and Mrs. W. H. Epperson, of this city. Mrs. O'Neill was a daughter of the late William Babin, of this city. Since her marriage she has made her home in Charleston, but has many friends here who will hear of her death with sincere regret.

The funeral services of Mrs. L. Arthur O'Neill, who died at a hospital here Monday night, will be held at 10:30 o'clock this morning, at the Cathedral, the interment taking place in the St. Laurence Cemetery. Mrs. O'Neill had a host of friends in Charleston who were grieved to learn of her death. She was stricken on the 5th of this month and lingered for over two weeks, during which time she never regained consciousness.

Mrs. O'Neill was formerly Mrs. Annie Bagan, of Sumter, S. C., being the daughter of Mr. William Bagan, one of the largest merchants in that place. She was educated in St. Joseph's Academy at Sumter and was highly gifted. Her husband, Mr. L. Arthur O'Neill, and a son Mr. L. Arthur O'Neill, Jr., survive. Mrs. O'Neill's death is deeply deplored by sorrowing friends in Sumter and Charleston.

For some time past the family had been living at the Charleston Hotel. —News and Courier, Feb. 23.

SMALL POX STAMPED OUT.

Prompt Measures at Bossard's Prevented Epidemic of Loathsome Disease.

Health Officer Reardon has disinfecting the house of Mr. Madison Yates, who had small pox at Bossard's Cross Roads, and has raised the quarantine. Mrs. Yates has not so far contracted the disease, as her vaccination appears to have protected her, but she may develop small pox yet as the prescribed period of incubation, from last date of exposure will not expire until next Saturday week.

About four hundred persons were vaccinated in the immediate neighborhood of the Yates case, and the fact that the county commissioners promptly took the matter in hand and backed up the city health officer by quarantine and compulsory vaccination, averted what threatened to be a serious outbreak of smallpox. Rigid inquiry fails to bring to light any other cases on the Sumter county side of the infected territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates faithfully observed every rule of quarantine and assisted in every way within their power in checking the spread of the disease from their house. The health officer says that all statements to the effect that different parties had seen and talked with Mr. Yates during the time he was under quarantine are absolutely false.

CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED.

The Bank of Mayesville Now Has Capital Stock of \$25,000.

The Bank of Mayesville now has a capital stock of \$25,000 and is about to enter upon a new era of growth and usefulness to the community in which it is located. A meeting of stockholders was held Wednesday, pursuant to advertisement, for the purpose of considering a resolution authorizing an increase of the capital stock to \$25,000. The meeting was well attended, every stockholder being present or represented, and the proposed increase in the capital stock was enthusiastically received and endorsed. The additional stock has all been taken and the bank will be better able to take care of its growing business than ever before. Mr. R. I. Manning is president and Mr. C. E. Mayes cashier of this bank.

ASYLUM REGENTS MEET.

Committee Named to Report on the Needs of the Hospital.

Columbia, Feb. 22.—A full report of the needs of the State Hospital for the Insane will be made at the annual meeting of the board of regents to be held in March. The report will be formulated by Dr. Babcock and Dr. Ray, and will go into details as to the Hospital's needs. The meeting of the regents today created a great deal of interest, because of its being held so soon after the recent legislative excursion on the Asylum proposition. The "war" was discussed by the board, but the statement was given out that nothing of importance was done save to name the committee as set out above to report on the Asylum's needs. Dr. Babcock returned from Washington to be present at the meeting.

Register for the municipal election.

CONTEST NEARS END.

CANDIDATES SHOULD WORK HARD NOW.

Contest for Piano and Watches Will Close at 8 p. m. Monday February 28th, and Result Will Be Announced as Soon as Ballots Can Be Tabulated.

The subscription contest will close at 8 p. m. Monday February 28th, and no ballots will be received after that hour, except such as are sent by mail and those must be deposited in the postoffice and show a post mark not later than 8 p. m. February 28th.

The contest between the leading candidates is close and the finish is bound to be exciting, and the candidate, who makes the most active efforts and works the hardest to secure subscribers to the Watchman & Southron and The Daily Item will be the lucky winner of the piano or gold watches. Work will count now and in order to encourage the contestants to put forth their best efforts we make a great bonus offer for paid in advance subscriptions. This is the last and best bonus offer we have made.

Here is the great bonus offer for paid in advance subscriptions to the Watchman & Southron.

For 200 paid in advance subscriptions to the Watchman and Southron 60,000 votes and a bonus of 100,000 votes.

For 100 paid in advance subscriptions to the Watchman and Southron 30,000 votes and a bonus of 40,000 votes.

For 50 paid in advance subscriptions to the Watchman and Southron 15,000 votes and a bonus of 18,000 votes.

For 25 paid in advance subscriptions to the Watchman and Southron 7,500 votes and a bonus of 8,000 votes.

Likewise we make the following offer of bonus votes for paid in advance yearly subscriptions to the Daily Item.

For 60 paid in advance subscriptions 60,000 votes and a bonus of 100,000 votes.

For 30 subscriptions 30,000 votes and a bonus of 40,000.

For 15 subscriptions 15,000 votes and a bonus of 18,000 votes.

For 10 subscriptions 10,000 votes and a bonus of 15,000 votes.

All paid in advance subscriptions handed in by contestants since February 1st will be counted for this bonus offer.

How The Vote Stands.

The tabulation of the ballots received up to the 21st. instant shows that several candidates have the following votes to their credit:

Miss Teresa Chandler	108,322
Miss Edna Hughson	110,632
Miss Lillie Josephine McCollum	21,294
Mrs. Florence Shields Thompson	6,970
Miss Julia Welch	7,090
Miss Inez Wells	3,840
Miss Mazie McLeod	5,980
Miss Christine Garhardt	1,550
Miss Lucile Baker	1,050
Miss Virginia DuRant	1,025
Miss Katy Galliard	1,025
Miss Nell Barwick	1,010

IN THE TOILS AGAIN.

Wallace Cantey Arrested in Marion Wednesday.

It will be remembered that several months ago a negro, Wallace Cantey, was before the Recorder for stealing a bicycle from Mr. R. I. Manning. He was bound over to the higher court, and while they were arranging his bond he walked out of the court room and made his escape.

As a consequence of this escape Chief Bradford was reported for incompetency. At that time the chief promised to get the negro back. He has been on his trail ever since. This week he located his man in Marion, going by the name of Bill Wright. He asked the Marion authorities to arrest him. Wednesday he received a wire that his man had been landed, and Policeman Owens left Thursday morning for Marion.

HOOKWORM ALARMS.

Inquiry Indicates That One-Third of the People Have It.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 23.—With hookworm in more than one-third of the people examined in the last few weeks the State Health Department has become convinced that the disease is more alarmingly prevalent in Alabama than was anticipated.

Dr. H. G. Perry, expert, finds in 1,000 families in Dale county alone one-third infected, while 35 cases were shown in 11 families of 60 persons in Pike county.

It is now determined to make a complete investigation in every section, preparatory to the coming of the Rockefeller commission. Secretary Rosel, of that organization, writes that he will be here in a short time.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Only Routine Business Was Transacted at Regular Meeting.

Council held a regular meeting 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Present: Alderman H. D. Barnett, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. C. Haynsworth and W. G. Stubbs.

Absent: Mayor W. B. Boyle, Mayor pro tem J. R. Ligon; Alderman William Bultman and R. L. Wright.

Mr. Finn was called to the chair. Minutes of the 10th instant were read and confirmed.

Mr. Barnett for the Finance Committee, reported approval of all claims referred to them.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth for the Committee of Public Works presented report of work for two weeks as follows:

Clay streets repaired,	\$12.00
Sewer Trenches filled,	6.50
Hauling Brick for Fire Station	17.50
Hauling Brick and Moving	
Stumps	5.90
Hauling brick off streets, for paving	1.00
Wright street, clay work	38.10
Garbage, 348 loads,	51.50
S. Main and Bartlett Streets, repairs,	14.10
W. Hampton Ave., Claying and Repairs	11.90
S. Sumter St., cleaning and repairs	8.00
Street Sprinkling	9.60
Street Sweeping	32.60
Sick Laborer,	9.00
	\$207.70

No. Men, 22. Carts, 10.

City Engineer Lee reported that paving work had been hindered by bad weather, but is now progressing very well. Mr. H. C. Haynsworth stated that there were difficulties to be encountered in paving, on account of differences in floor levels of buildings and suggested a special meeting of property owners with Council on the 28th. Instant, to adjust the matter. On motion of Mr. R. F. Haynsworth the question was referred to the Committee of Public Works and the Clerk was instructed to advertise a meeting of the Committee at 6 o'clock, P. M., on the 28th instant to confer with property owners.

Mr. Haynsworth reported a sufficient quantity of drain pipe for the work promised to Mr. T. B. Jenkins, which would be done immediately and next after that, the work ordered for Mr. L. D. Jennings would be done.

The funeral expenses of Joe Ray, one of the city laborers was ordered paid by the city.

A letter was received from Mr. A. D. Harby accepting his appointment on the City Board of Education, and expressing appreciation for the honor conferred upon him.

Request of W. T. Hunter for permission to repair a wooden building within the fire limits was referred to the Fire Department Committee.

Bids for painting the Opera House roof were received from Forshee & Co., and E. T. Brailford & Co., and referred to the Opera House Committee.

The following claims were referred to the Finance Committee: C. P. & H. G. Osteen, \$12.82; Sumter Machinery Co., \$6.25; J. D. Shirer & Co., \$25.00.

FIRE AT ALCOLU.

But for the Rain the Entire Plant Would Have Been Destroyed.

Thursday a. m. about 5 o'clock fire was discovered in the dynamo house of the Alderman Lumber Co. at Alcolu. The flames soon got beyond control, and destroyed the electric light plant, thus putting the place in darkness.

It is not known how the fire originated. No theories have yet been advanced. This much is practically certain, however. If it had not been raining at the time, the entire plant would have been consumed. The electric light plant is very close to the lumber plant, and nothing but providence could have saved the latter when the first was consumed.

The loss is between \$4,000 and \$5,000 fully covered by insurance.

Rice Flour.

35 tons fresh from the mills. Best and Cheapest Feed for Horses, Cows and Hogs you can buy. Booth-Harby Live Stock Co., Sumter S. C. 2 12-8t.—W

The C. C. & O., is going to Charleston—that much is known, but what about the route? It ought to come by Sumter, but will it unless something is done to demonstrate that this is the best and the most advisable route?

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Sought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fitch*

ROBBERY OF A STORE.

White Man and Negro Arrested on Serious Charge.

From the Daily Item, Feb. 23.

Orrin Thigpen, white, and Henry Williams, colored, are under arrest, charged with breaking into and robbing the store of L. L. Johnson in the Curtiss Block, Monday night. The store was entered through the back door and by breaking out a panel.

The thieves got away with only ten or fifteen dollars worth of goods, so far as Mr. Johnson could discover. The robbery was discovered yesterday morning when Mr. Johnson opened his store. Henry Williams was arrested shortly after the robbery was discovered while hanging around the back lot in a suspicious manner. When charged with the robbery he confessed and implicated Thigpen. An effort was made to capture Thigpen, but he made his escape into Green Swamp and kept in hiding all day, but last night he was picked up by Officer Owens, who was on watch near Thigpen's home at the cotton mill.

Thigpen and Williams are suspected of stealing ten bushels of peas from Mr. H. C. Haynsworth last week, and Williams says Thigpen stole the peas and he sold them.

Thigpen and Williams were given a preliminary hearing before Recorder Hurst today and were both bound over for trial at the next term of court.

Williams was also given a preliminary on the charge of stealing the peas from Mr. Haynsworth. Orrin Thigpen was not a party to this theft, but his younger brother, a boy twelve years old, was proven to have assisted Williams in the theft and sale of the peas, which they stole when they went to Mr. Haynsworth's barn to deliver several loads of corn. They delivered the corn and carried off the peas which they sold to the Booth-Harby Co.

Orrin Thigpen is seventeen years old and Wiley only twelve. These boys are fit subjects for the Reformatory in Florence.

TO CRUSH SOJA BEANS.

Sumter Cotton Oil Company Will Crush Beans This Summer.

The Sumter Cotton Oil Co.'s plant has been experimenting with the crushing of soja or soy beans, and the results of the experiment were highly satisfactory. A fine grade of oil was extracted—claimed by some to be better than cotton seed oil. The by-product is more valuable as a stock food than the cotton seed hulls and meal. There is no hulling of the beans, but the whole bean is pressed, and the cake left contains a high per cent. of protein.

25,000 tons of beans have been bought from Mississippi and Louisiana for use this summer.

The soy bean will grow in this section, and is a great soil improver. It is a legume and stores nitrogen in the soil, taking it from the atmosphere. If this business develops, as it should, this section will have another money crop.

The beans have been planted around Sumter for several years. They grow about three feet tall and are prolific bearers. Some have planted them in the vacant places in the cotton field, and others have planted them broad cast for forage. As a stock food they are a good ration by themselves for the winter time when stock is not at work. Now that a market is being opened up for the beans, there should be no more Western hay brought in, for a better hay than that shipped here is a by-product of the bean industry.

The farmers in this section will watch the development of this business, and may take a hand in it.

Notes of City Schools.

The following notice was sent to the class rooms by the superintendent of schools relative to Washington's birthday. In the different class rooms of the Primary school exercises were held designed to memorialize General Washington and to impress the moral lessons of the life of this great man. The following is the notice that was sent:

"Just in the midst of the progress of this quarter we think it unwise to break the regularity of our work by giving a holiday. The present quarter ends on March 25. Examinations will be held from the 14th through the 25th of March. The reports for the third quarter will be given out on the 30th and returned on the 31st. It will be wisest then to give our usual two day's holiday in the Spring on Friday, the 1st, and Monday, the 4th, of April.

Who will be candidates for seats in council?

Rice Flour.

35 tons fresh from the mills. Best and Hogs you can buy. Booth-Harby and Cheapest Feed for Horses, Cows by Live Stock Co., Sumter S. C. 2 12-8t.—W

MADE HIS ESCAPE.

Negro Had Plenty of Nerve—Escaped After Being Shot At.

Messrs. W. P. Shirer and J. H. Grady, who had been deputized to make the arrest, made an unsuccessful attempt to arrest Wash Williams, who is supposed to have shot Mr. T. J. Kervin some weeks ago near here. The deputies were told of Williams' whereabouts and were waiting for him. When he came up he was told to surrender. In stead he backed off and pulled his gun from under his coat and made an attempt to get behind a tree. The deputies did not think it necessary to shoot, and began parlaying with him. Neither of them, however, got off his horse, and as a result of this oversight the negro is still at large.

While the negro was talking to the deputies he made a break for a bay that was nearby and got into water about up to his waist and then fired at the deputies, who were then too far for his shot to take effect. The deputies then drove around the bay and headed the negro off on the other side. When he was about sixty yards from them and in water above his waist, they both fired at him twice each with double barrel shotguns loaded with buck shot.

While the deputies were talking to the negro and threatening to shoot him if he did not surrender, one of the negro's sons said, "You shoot, and you won't shoot anybody else." Messrs. Shirer and Grady are not satisfied and say they will have the negro yet.

PROHIBITION AND BLIND TIGERS.

Caustic Comment on Existing Conditions—Blind Tigers Numerous and Unmolested.

Editor Daily Item:

A few days ago you published a squib, based on information given by a postal clerk, to the effect that \$400 a day passed through the money order department for the purchase of liquor from abroad. It is more than likely that an inspection of the books at the postoffice would show these figures to have been exaggerated, but as "Uncle Sam" will allow no such examination, the question must remain an open one. One fact, though, stands out: Business in Sumter has improved since the closing of the dispensary, which shows that less money is spent for whiskey than formerly.

It seems to be a fact, however, that liquor is sold in Sumter, and the "knowing ones" say that it can be bought in perhaps a dozen places within the fire limits. The police force, with perhaps one or two exceptions, have done practically nothing to bring the blind tigers to justice, and it looks very much as if no effort will be put forth by them until they are responsible to a city government pledged to enforcement of the law, and it is up to the people of the city to select officials in the coming election who will see to it that the laws are executed.

It may interest some of your readers to know that there are three internal revenue licenses held in Sumter, two of them by clubs and one by a private individual. Now, what does a club want with a liquor license, if they are not selling liquor? And why are not these places raided? At least one of the clubs thus equipped has been guilty of some very questionable transactions in the matter of ordering liquor, notwithstanding some of its members were intimately connected with the city government. Liquor ordered by the club was shipped to Sumter from Richmond, Va., in the name of individual citizens, without their knowledge or consent, and upon its arrival here was taken out of the depot and hauled to the club rooms. Now, who was responsible for such outrages, the club or the club officers? We have no intention of censuring all of the members of these clubs, for the sins of a few, but if the club was not selling liquor, why the necessity of such methods?

It was Gov. Folk, of Missouri, we believe, who said, after his successful campaign against the grafters and bootleggers of St. Louis, that wherever blind tigers and gamblers were allowed to go unmolested there was sure to be graft or incompetency somewhere. How is it with Sumter? And what are the honest, intelligent voters of the city going to do about it?

CITIZEN.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs from the famous Thompkins strain of birds. Price \$1.50 per sitting. R. P. Monaghan, 209 E. Liberty St. 2-15-2t.

FOR SALE—Genuine Marlboro Prolific seed corn. Bushel \$2.00; half bushel \$1.25; peck 75 cents. Last year this corn measured 77 bushels per acre with less than \$11.00 worth of fertilizers. J. H. Myers, Sumter, S. C., R. F. D. No. 4