

The Watchman and Southron TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Vermont is solidly Republican and very conservative. Her present Senators, Morrill and Edmunds, have each represented that State in the Senate 18 years. Senator Morrill was in the Senate one or two terms previous to that time.

Ex-President Jefferson Davis will leave none of his name to survive him. His only son died some time ago. His nephew died recently and with him all hope of perpetuating the Davis name.

Miss Garrett, the daughter of the R. R. King who died some weeks ago, is probably the wealthiest woman in the United States. She is worth anywhere between 7,000,000, and 20,000,000.

The election last week for legislative and other officers in Georgia was very quiet, so quiet in fact that few people outside of the State knew anything about it, and judging from the small vote, there must have been good many outside the State who knew nothing about it.

Mrs. Lot M. Morrill of New Hampshire has been saying some things about Blaine that he does not like, and now the friends of the plumed Knight say that she is only influenced by a feeling of spiteful jealousy, because Blaine, who during Senator Morrill's life was very gallant in his compliments to Mrs. M., has of late years stopped all such nonsense.

Cigarette smokers have another trouble. There is a kind of weevil that loves tobacco as well as the most common smoker and numbers of them make their home in the cigarette, and there breed and raise prolific families, and it must add to the delight of the cigarette smoker to know that he is enjoying whiffs from the incinerated bodies of tobacco weevils.

The Mulligan letter racket is still being industriously worked—new developments continually occurring and fresh letters still being forthcoming. Blaine very possibly thinks writing a very dangerous accomplishment, and regrets he ever learned. We can't say the world is the gainer by his proficiency in that line.

The Electric Light is making such steady progress that the various gas companies think it necessary to reduce their prices for gas, which will doubtless be met by a corresponding reduction of rates by the electricians. The real battle has hardly begun yet, but it is bound to come and will, when it does come, result in the survival of the fittest.

A question now agitating the social circles of Washington and Philadelphia is whether, if Belva Lockwood is selected president, Mr. Belva Lockwood would take precedence of the wife of the speaker of the house or of a foreign ambassador at the table. It threatens to embarrass the new administration very much if the women suffragists win the fight.

Col. A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times (Ind.) would not be surprised if Ohio went Republican by 20,000 majority next week. He says 'the party majorities for State officers may be reduced in both West Virginia and Ohio by local causes, but the bottom most drop clear out of one side or the other to make Ohio Democratic or West Virginia Republican in the October contests.'

The 'wife elopement craze' has reached Canada. Well she ought to share some of our troubles. Canada is a place of refuge for all defaulting bank officers, who live unmolested and in regal style in her borders and the only way we can get even is by exporting to that country some samples of the sins which help to make the United States as great in rascality as in resources and size.

Our people see so many things they dislike in the management of our Republican Government that they sometimes turn a longing eye to her Britannia's quiet, conservative government. But if they will just remember that Queen Victoria's household numbers just one thousand people and their aggregate salaries amount to nearly two million dollars, we think much of the charm of a monarchy will wear away.

The New York Sun, in Friday's issue, gave to the world its pronunciation as follows: 'Our motto is, Butler first, Blaine second, and Cleveland never.' We are glad to see such frankness. The Sun has a large number of Democratic subscribers who may be influenced more or less by its teachings, but this opened and avowed preference for the election of Blaine, the most vicious candidate that the vicious Republicans have ever nominated, will forever disgust them with its teachings.

The National View, the central greenback organ has bolted Butler the Best, and is pummeling the old sinner on all sides. Our readers will remember that Butler was nominated by the Greenback party but his duplicity is so plainly shown that even the bat-eyed greenbacker can see it and hence the revolt. Butler had no other view in running than to benefit Blaine at the expense of the Democrats and thereby revenge himself for the rebuff at Chicago. The greenbacker has no love for the Republican Party and does not admire the Best for his evident championship of the rogues.

Col. Elliott of Beaufort Nominated for Congress. The Democratic Congressional Convention for the 7th District met at Summerville last Thursday, and was called to order by the District Chairman, Col. Elliott of Beaufort, who nominated Col. J. Quitman Marshall of Columbia for temporary chairman and Porcher Smith, Esq., secretary. The roll call showed 32 delegates present—Georgetown not being represented, and Williamsburg having but one delegate. Col. Marshall was then made permanent president and Yates Snowden, Esq., secretary.

AID FOR THE NATIONAL DEMOCRACY.

At a late meeting of the Executive Committee, the following Committee were requested to receive subscriptions for the National Democratic Committee: H. L. Darr, Sr., at the Advance office; W. F. Rhame, at the Watchman and Southron office; W. J. Beard, at the Spirit of the Times office.

Our people are not asked to give much, but those who can will hand their contributions to the above named committee.

THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

As our readers know, the Watchman and Southron did not favor the policy of making a nomination for Congress in this District, but the Convention called for the purpose of considering this matter, after hearing the views of our leaders, chief among whom were Capt. F. W. Dawson and Gen. Izlar, decided with but one dissenting vote, to nominate a candidate and inaugurate a vigorous campaign.

We, yielding our judgment to that of our leaders, whose intimate acquaintance with the politics of the State enabled them to judge more correctly as to what our policy should be, will give the nomination our earnest support. We think it the bounden duty of every Democrat in the county to work earnestly for the success of Col. Wm. Elliott, the nominee of the Democratic party of the 7th Congressional District.

We copy the following from the News and Courier of the 10th: A strenuous effort is to be made to redeem the Seventh Congressional District. The Democratic Convention which met in Summerville yesterday determined that a Democratic nomination should be made, and Col. William Elliott, of Beaufort, one of the truest, ablest and most accomplished Democrats in the State, was chosen as the leader of the party. It is a high compliment to Col. Elliott and is not meant to be an empty honor. What seems, on the surface, to be the organization of a forlorn hope is, in reality, a well-considered attempt to win victory in a district where the Democracy have, for the first time a fighting chance.

There is a large colored majority in the Seventh District which, however, is to be known as the 'Black District' no more. But the color line is broken by the nomination of Small, a convicted bribe-taker, as the Republican candidate. There is no sudden development of moral sensibility in the rural voters, but Small has made many bitter enemies in his own county and in the district, and the time is ripe for his overthrow. Some of the colored people understand that he is an unfit person to represent them, and thousands of others will stay away from the polls or vote for the Democratic candidate. There is then a good fighting chance in the district.

The district will be canvassed. No illegal voting will be allowed. The colored people in places where there are but few whites have been accustomed to vote in a go-as-you-please fashion without regard to the requirements of the law. This will be stopped. The vote will be reduced to its normal proportions. Besides this, the white voters, with such a candidate as William Elliott to vote for, will exert themselves to the utmost. With organization and effort, in the present condition of the district, the Democratic candidate can be elected. All that is requisite is that every Democratic voter shall vote for Elliott himself, and exert his influence to secure his election.

GIVE US GOOD SCHOOLS.

The following from the Water Cure Messenger expresses our sentiments in reference to Sumter. We repeat over and over again we need a Boy's High School. There is nothing that Camden has a greater need of than good schools. We believe our people to be as progressive and public-spirited as any other, out upon this important matter a feeling of lethargy seems to have stolen in, and if something is not done in this direction the youth of our town is bound to suffer from it.

Will our people let this deplorable state of affairs continue longer? Will they suffer their children to grow up in comparative ignorance, while our neighboring towns are making such decided headway in their public schools? We trust not. Let our people arouse themselves in the interests of good schools. There is no earthly reason why as good schools should not be established here as in any other town in the State.

To the Women of South Carolina. COLUMBIA, S. C., October 8, 1884. The Department of Agriculture desires to make an exhibition of 'Woman's Work' at the New Orleans Exposition, and in doing so it is especially anxious that the display should in every way be creditable to the fair women of our State. To this end we invite the cooperation of the women of every County, and earnestly request that they will contribute to this branch of the State exhibit anything they may have, or may hereafter prepare, in the way of Needle and Fancy work, or anything pertaining to the Household Department. Our prospect for a successful State exhibit at this great World's Fair is very encouraging, and it needs only an exhibition of the handiwork of this all-important factor in the prosperity of our State to make it complete.

While the Department will take every precaution to insure the safe return of every article consigned to its care for exhibition, it will in no way be held liable for loss or injury. Inquiries on this subject or specimens may be directed to A. P. Butler, Columbia, S. C. A. P. BUTLER, Commissioner of Agriculture.

THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Result of Deep Preparation and Surface Cultivation. We clip the following letter from the last issue of the Cotton Planter. Sumter County has made bountiful corn crops where deep preparation and surface cultivation have been practiced; and the cotton crop, though cut off in some localities by a three to four weeks drought in July, will be the best average crop for the county in several years—perhaps there never was a better.

All of the indications are for an easy year for all classes, and if farmers do not try to plant too much cotton next year this state of affairs will likely to grow better. You see that I distinguish between planting cotton and making cotton; my experience leads me to the conclusion that half the area now in cotton would make 25 per cent. more cotton than is now made, if the preparation, manure, cultivation and attention that is scattered over all, were concentrated upon half the land devoted to this crop, and the other half would pay good dividends in improvements, if put in small grain and peas.

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Presentment of the Grand Jury.

To the Honorable J. B. Kershaw, Presiding Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit: The Grand Jury respectfully begs leave to report, that in pursuance of their duties, and in obedience to the instructions of your Honor, they have made as thorough an examination of the books and papers of the County Offices, and the affairs of the County generally as time and circumstances permitted. They find the books and papers of all of the offices kept in a neat and orderly manner, and all accounts of receipts and disbursements properly entered, vouchers filed and classified.

The School Commissioners report: Number of children attending school, 5,469; Number of teachers employed, 107; Amount of money disbursed, \$11,908; He reports 7 new school houses built at a cost of \$660; and an expenditure of \$490 for school furniture, repairs, etc.

The Records show an increase in the balances brought over from previous years of \$1,403.00 for the year ending October 31, 1884, and a corresponding increase during the present year.

We find the books and papers in the office of the Clerk of the Court well kept—all documents neatly labelled and docketed, all papers of record entered up to date.

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The books and papers of the Sheriff are correctly kept, and the system of references showing the cases from the writ to the sales book is not only a new, but a valuable feature in this office and appears to be the only correct and intelligible manner of doing this part of his official duties.

The Auditor's Books are kept well and with especial neatness and precision. His abstracts of real and personal property for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year have been made up, and forwarded to the Comptroller General of the State in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly.

As the County Treasurer is now busy in the collection of taxes for the current year, any change of commission in his office at this time would be seriously embarrassing to him, and detrimental to the public interests. The Grand Jury therefore only made a cursory examination of his books and papers well kept, all entries in spite of the pressure of his collections, posted to date. His exhibit is highly creditable to himself, and eminently satisfactory to the Grand Jury.

We find the Records of the Board of County Commissioners in thorough order, all vouchers properly filed and entered in Index Book, papers and records of even the smallest nature are kept in their file books. The minutes are carefully written up, and the Grand Jury are entirely satisfied that they have discharged their duties in this office with energy and fidelity, and give us much pleasure and satisfaction to state in this presentment, that from the best information we have, that the total indebtedness of Sumter County is liquidated, and that no present collection of taxes is due. If there is any deficiency at all after a full collection of taxes, it will be but a few dollars.

The Grand Jury in their presentment at the February and May terms called attention to the wretched condition of the public roads of the County, and suggested that the delegation from the County to the General Assembly, should consider some plan for the betterment of the highways, either by the levy of a road tax, or by such legislation as would compel or secure the desired result. We would again bring the matter to their notice, and ask their prompt action in the premises. As the matter now stands, the road work is performed in a manner which is simply disgraceful, and a few more years of such neglect will result in the absolute closing of some of the most important highways in the County. The Grand Jury believe that the County Commissioners endeavor faithfully to discharge their duty, and do not attribute to them the condition of the roads, but the superintendent of highways must see that the labor is properly performed, and in default the penalties prescribed in Sec. 1084 and 1085 of the Act for the repairs of highways and bridges, upon all officers without fear or favor, be enforced. And if the Senate and Members of the House of Representatives will secure the passage of such Acts as will impose punishment of fine and imprisonment upon the superintendents of highways, who neglect their duty on this part, better work can be secured.

The Grand Jury have carefully examined the books, files, &c., of the office of Judge of Probate and find some neatly and carefully kept, and others in a very careless manner. We have examined the books of the Trial Justices of the County, and find them kept in a neat and clerical manner, all cases written up and the disposition of the same correctly noted, and the Court allowed. Trial Justice, F. M. Mellet, cases tried 84, acquittals 10, convictions 64, sent to Court of Sessions 10, fines collected \$134.20 and paid to Treasurer. Trial Justice, H. McLeod, cases tried 14, acquittals 4, convictions 10, sent to Court of Sessions 5, fines collected and sent to Treasurer \$6.

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Commissioners, to whose courtesy and energy we are largely indebted.

The Grand Jury have examined the Public Buildings of the County and find them in fair condition, and that the former suggestions of the Grand Jury as to necessary repairs have been carried out. And the Grand Jury would return our thanks to your Honor for the courtesy and consideration you have shown to us, while engaged in the duties of our position. Very respectfully submitted, H. DICKSON CORBETT, Foreman of Grand Jury.

John Robinson's Ten Big New Shows.

Mr. John Robinson—may success reward his enterprise—has taken the field for his fifty ninth annual campaign, with an exhibition that, in the real art of the arena, fairly distances all its competitors. He is particularly strong in acrobatic talent. His trapeze performers are unrivaled, and his riders, both male and female, are in the front rank of their profession, while his educated elephant, "School," stands alone. A grand house greeted their first performance yesterday. Before the band struck up there was a solid embankment of humanity all around the circle, and as act after act came on and went off, the stream of spectators still flowed ceaselessly inward. The vicinity was all astir with the excitement of the show, and inside the audience manifested the heartiest approval of what the management had done. The entire show is filled from top to bottom with the most wonderful, novel and startling feats of marvellous exhibitions of athletic, acrobatic, equestrian and gymnastic performances ever seen in a circus and menagerie; and acknowledged by one and all to be the grandest of all the big shows ever witnessed in our city. The parade in the morning was a pageant of oriental splendor and barbaric pomp. The long retinue as it filed through the principal streets of the city with the gorgeous trappings, brilliant in scarlet and gold, with five full military brass bands discoursing all sorts of music, and a grand band of brass instruments that crowded and packed every street with eager sightseers, who cheered and applauded each new feature as it came in view, with a heartiness and enthusiasm never before witnessed in the Queen City. We cordially bespeak a warm welcome for John Robinson and his Ten Big New Shows this season, for he has actually "out-Heroded Herod" with his mammoth combination this year.—Cincinnati Enquirer. Coming to Sumter Friday, Oct. 24.

Go to D. J. Auld's for the best Soda Water. He has a new fashioned ice shaver and will fill your glass with ice like snow—if you like it that way. Dr. Auld makes all the flavoring extracts used in his soda fountain, and warrants them pure and of the best quality.

Brewer's Lung Restorer, the great lung and throat remedy, is for sale by Dr. D. J. Auld's Agent.

THE MARKETS.

SUMTER, S. C., Oct. 14, 1884. COTTON—About 850 bales have been sold during the week ending the 14th. The market closed quiet. We quote: Ordinary 7 1/2; Good Ordinary 7 3/4; Strict Good Ordinary 8 1/2; Low Middling 8 1/2; Middling 8 3/4; Good Middling 9.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 14, 1884. CORN—Market quiet. Sales about 2,000 bushels. Quotations are: Low Middling 93; Middling 95; Good Middling 97.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 11, 1884. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet firm at 27 cents.

ROBINSON'S—The market dull at 92 1/2 for Strained and 97 1/2 for Good Strained.

CACAO TURPENTINE—Market steady at \$1.00 for Hard, \$1.60 per bushel, for Virgin and Yellow Dip.

CORRUM—Market steady. Sales 100 bales. The following are the official quotations: Low Middling 95; Middling 97; Good Middling 99.

ATTENTION DEMOCRATS!

CHANGE OF DAY. THE MASS MEETING APPOINTED FOR Saturday, October 25th, has been changed to Monday, October 27th, 1884. Senators HAMPTON and BUTLER, Gov. THOMPSON, Lt. Gov. SHEPPARD, Col. Wm. ELLIOTT, Candidate for Congress in the 7th District, and other prominent speakers will be here. Come, fellow-citizens, and prove that Sumter County is wide-awake!

Respectfully, W. H. CUTTING, Co. Chairman.

FALL AND WINTER MILLINERY.

The Misses McElhose Would inform their Customers and the public generally, that they have just received a large and elegant assortment of

FALL AND WINTER MILLINERY GOODS, CONSISTING IN PART OF

Hats and Bonnets, (Trimmed and Untrimmed,) FEATHERS, BIRDS, FANCY WINGS, FLOWERS, RUCHINGS and LACE NECK WEAR, IN VARIETY. ALSO—HAIR GOODS, CORSETS, BUSTLES, HATS, MILLINERY, INFANTS CAPS, DRESSES, And Ladies' Underwear always on hand. Prompt attention given to Country Orders.

REOPENING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Office of School Commissioner, SUMTER COUNTY. SUMMER, S. C., Oct. 10, 1884. THE TRUSTEES of the various School Districts of this County will cause the Public Schools of their respective districts to be opened on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, proximo, at such hour and under such regulations as may be determined by the Board of Examiners. J. DIGGS WILDER, School Commissioner. Oct. 14

NOTICE.

HAVING purchased from Messrs. GREEN BROS. of New York City, all of the Debts due to late FIRMS of GREEN, WATSON & WALSH, GREEN & WALSH, GREEN, WALSH & CO., WALSH & CO., and E. C. GREEN, I am desirous of making satisfactory settlements with all who may desire to pay me something, and will be at Sumter from December 1st to January 15th next, for that purpose. A very large portion of above indebtedness consists of Sales Notes, executed before passage of the Six Year Exemption Law, and if not satisfactorily arranged by 15th January next, I will be compelled to suit same in Judgment. E. C. GREEN, Sumter, Oct. 14, 1884.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By T. F. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. WHEREAS, JOSEPH S. TISDALE, Judge of the Estate and effects of Mrs. ELSIE BROADWAY, deceased, is desirous of being appointed administrator of said estate, and has applied to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Mrs. ELSIE BROADWAY, deceased, I am therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Elsie Broadway, late of said County in said State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, on Saturday, the 18th day of November next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of October, Anno Domini, 1884. T. V. WALSH, [L.S.] Judge of Probate. Oct. 14—21

GOOD SUGAR

16 Lbs. for \$1.00.

3 LB. CAN TOMATOES

At 10 Cents.

FLOUR

\$5.00 A BARREL.

FULL STOCK

GROCERIES,

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ARE NOW PREPARED TO SHOW THEIR LARGE AND WELL SELECTED STOCK

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRESS GOODS,

Cashmeres, Cheviots, Camel's Hair, French and Scotch Wool Plaids

BROCADED AND PLAIN VELVETS,

To all of which they invite an early inspection. An elegant assortment of LADIES' AND MISSES' WRAPS in all the latest styles, also full line of JERSEYS in all colors.

Largest variety of LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, GLOVES AND NECK WEAR we have ever shown, both as to styles and prices.

We now have a much larger variety of styles of Soler's Philadelphia made SHOES FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN than we ever had before and guarantee every pair to give satisfaction, and sold at strictly one price.

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