

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1896

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 NOTES.

The General Assembly adjourned *sine die* on Saturday after a long and rather fruitless and uninteresting session. The only thing about this session that was not uninteresting was the item of expense. The taxpayers will have good cause for remembering this session, and they may well pray for deliverance from another like it.

The Cigarette Tax bill was called up in the Senate on Saturday, and the unfavorable report of the judiciary committee was adopted with little or no opposition. When this bill was first considered by the judiciary committee a favorable report was made, and it would have in all probability become a law had not steps been taken by men interested in the tobacco industry to convince the members of the Senate the effect such a law would have upon the tobacco interests of the State. The Senate acted wisely in killing the bill, for it would have had no appreciable effect in reducing the consumption of cigarettes, and would have well nigh ruined the tobacco industry which has recently assumed such importance in this section of the State.

Some action should be taken by the citizens of Sumter to assist Congressman Stokes in his effort to obtain an appropriation for a monument to Gen. Sumter. The government has always evinced a disposition to honor the memory of Revolutionary heroes, and that a monument has not been erected in honor of Gen. Sumter before is due entirely, no doubt, to the negligence of the people of this county. By urging the matter before Congress an appropriation could have been obtained years ago.

The Spanish are as noted for their ignorance as for their pride and cruelty, and the foolish antics they are cutting up over the recognition of the belligerency of Cuba by the United States is proof that their reputation is not unmerited. The hairbraided idea of the mass of the Spanish people that Spain could defeat the United States in a war is as wildly improbable and as humorous as any of the passages in "Don Quixote." The countrymen of Cervantes are great humorists, and cannot restrain a jest when even so serious a matter as a war with the United States is concerned.

There is very little righteous and wholesome indignation over the rottenness unearthed in Edgefield county. The citadel and well-spring of reform has been found permeated with official corruption, and there is more than a hint that there is something rotten in the State of Denmark, as Ben Tillman was wont to quote in the year '90 of blessed reform memory. Edgefield is rotten and corrupt in political circles, and if some of her delectable public servants are not sent to the penitentiary, Capt. Neal will be defrauded of his dues.

Acting on a suggestion made in this paper several weeks ago, that the National Government should erect a monument in honor of the memory of Gen. Thomas Sumter, and after correspondence in reference to the matter, Congressman J. Wm. Stokes has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives providing for an appropriation for the erection of a monument to Gen. Sumter. The bill, and a letter in reference to it from Congressman Stokes are printed in another column. The suggestions made by Dr. Stokes that the people of Sumter co-operate with him in the effort to secure the adoption of the bill by holding a meeting, appointing a committee or offering a site for the erection of a monument, are all good and we trust the people of the city will decide to act in the matter at once. It will be an easy matter to obtain the monument, and we should make the small exertion necessary.

The tobacco planters of Darlington, Florence and Timmons ville, have formed a Tobacco Growers' Association that meets frequently and at regular intervals from the time the tobacco seed beds are planted until the crop is cured. At these meetings papers are read on the best methods

of growing tobacco for profit, and all topics connected with and related to tobacco culture are discussed. Experienced planters exchange ideas and relate their experience for the benefit of their associations. Much good has been done by these associations and the development of tobacco culture has been greatly advanced by their instrumentality. The farmers of Sumter County should organize an association without delay. It will be the best possible undertaking that they can engage in.

THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

The Presentment of the Grand Jury, made on last Wednesday afternoon, is given in full in another column. The presentment does not differ from other presentments save where it calls attention to the violation of the law by the dispensers at Sumter and Mayesville. This single point of difference makes the presentment worthy of more than a passing mention; it is proof that the Grand Jury is conscientious and knowing its duty in the premises has not hesitated in performing it.

The violation of the dispensary law in the particular manner reported by the Grand Jury is not confined to this county, but has been commented on and condemned in a half dozen or more counties. The violation of the law has been made the subject of more than one grand jury presentment and at least one judge has spoken of it in his charge from the bench. The violation of the law should be stopped, even if the dispensers have to be carried into court to accomplish it.

The dispensary law is repugnant to our ideas, and is to be tolerated only by reason of necessity and on account of the restriction thrown around the sale of liquor, especially to minors and drunkards. When the sworn officer appointed to execute the provisions of the law deliberately violates the law and brushes aside the redeeming restrictions of the law, a law is left that the people must obey, for no other reason save necessity. This is not a very satisfactory condition of affairs, for a free people to contemplate.

It is evident that the dispensary, as now administered, is first, last and all the time a machine for increasing the revenue of the State. South Carolina is in the liquor business for money, and many of her sworn officials sell as much whiskey as possible, without discrimination against confirmed drunkards.

Court Proceedings

The following is a record of the business of court on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning:

B. A. Hussey, charged with assault and battery, with intent to kill, was tried yesterday afternoon. He was found guilty of aggravated assault, with a recommendation to mercy. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.00.

Sancho Merchant, charged with the murder of Sam Pearson, was tried this morning. The defense established a case of accidental killing and he was acquitted.

John and James Mayrant, two negro boys charged with housebreaking and larceny, plead guilty, and were sentenced to one year on the public roads or one year at hard labor in the penitentiary.

The case of Willis Rembert, larceny of live stock, has been tried but a verdict has not been rendered by the jury.

March 7th. Yesterday the case of the State vs. Samuel Wilson, murder, was tried. Wilson killed one George Mims, an old man about 60 years old, some months ago, but a case of self-defense being established, a verdict of not guilty was rendered by the jury, and Wilson was set free.

The case of the State vs. Bracey Dargan, murder, was tried this morning. Dargan is charged with whipping a little negro girl so severely that she died from the effects of the injuries inflicted. The girl Bella Caidwell had been given to Dargan by her father, and he claims that she ran away from him, and he knew nothing of her whereabouts until her dead body was found in the field, about three miles from this city. There was no positive evidence to convict Dargan and a case could not be made out by the State that was strong enough to establish his guilt beyond question. He was accordingly acquitted by the jury.

Presentment of the Grand Jury.

To Your Honor, O. W. Buchanan, Presiding Judge.

We, the Grand Jury for Sumter County, respectfully make the following presentment for March term of Court, 1896:

We have passed on all bills handed in by the solicitor. We have examined bonds of the county officials and found them sufficiently strong. We have not examined the books of sheriff, treasurer, auditor, judge probate, school commissioner, county supervisor or master, but a committee has been appointed to look after said books, and we will make a report at a future term, knowing that in the limited time at this court we could only make a surface examination which would not do justice to the officials or to ourselves as jurors.

We have examined the jail and find things pertaining thereto in reasonably good condition, such as bedding, &c., for prisoners, and that diet furnished is good. The poor house was visited and we find all inmates well cared for in the way of suitable clothing and food, and a marked degree of cleanliness both as to inmates and buildings. We recommend that there be some repairs on roof of main building and slight repairs on ceiling in two of the rooms. In regard to the dispensaries, we did not

find the affairs managed according to the law. The Sumter Dispensary furnishes whiskey to persons without their signing application, and without requiring unknown persons to be identified. The Mayesville Dispensary books show nearly all signatures in same hand writing, and some applications not signed at all, and the official in charge admits selling whiskey to known habitual drunkards. One complaint was made regarding condition of public roads, and we find it to be a very trivial matter which will be attended to, immediately. We endeavored to do our duty impartially, taking as our guiding star our duty to the State, to the county and to our fellowman, setting down aught in malice, showing favors to no one. We extend to your Honor, to the solicitor, and to all the court officials, our thanks for courtesies shown us. H. G. SHAW, Foreman.

SPECIAL PRESENTMENT.

To Your Honor, O. W. Buchanan, Presiding Judge.

We make the following special presentment: That on or about the 24th day of December, 1895, in Sumter county, S. C., one Janie Wilson and Janie Holliday, did feloniously and unlawfully kill and murder one Benjamin Holliday by wound inflicted by their hands, and that Emma Holliday, Abram Rice, Napoleon Davis, S. B. rd, Geo. Missouri, and Dr. C. P. Osteen, are material witnesses to prove same. March 4th. H. G. SHAW, Foreman.

The Arrants Murder Case.

On the night of November 2nd, last, Dick Wilson, colored, of Carter's Crossing town ship was shot through the heart by John S. Arrants. He lived nearly an hour, but never spoke after having been shot, except to exclaim as the bullet struck him that he had been shot through the heart. Arrants surrendered himself the next day to the sheriff and remained in jail until his trial. The case was brought to trial Tuesday afternoon, and when the time for adjournment arrived nearly all the witnesses for both sides had been examined. The facts developed were as follows:

Arrants was acting as constable for Trial Justice Parrott, and was collecting poll tax and costs from delinquents. He had an execution against Wesley Young, the son-in-law of Dick Wilson. Arrants had seen Young several times, who promised to pay the tax, and fixed November 2nd as the day on which he would do so. Young did not go to Mr. Arrant's house that day to pay the money and that night Arrants went to Dick Wilson's house, where Young lived to get it from him. Young refused to pay the money unless Arrants would give him a regular tax receipt for it, but finally agreed to pay it if Arrants would get Mr. Frank McCutchen to come there and write a receipt for the money. Arrants went for Mr. McCutchen and brought him to Wilson's house. When they got there Wesley Young had left, and Arrants and Dick Wilson got into a dispute and cursed each other, Arrants accusing Wilson of having hit Young, or sent him away. While they were disputing and cursing Wilson said to Arrants, "Do you draw your pistol on me?" Arrants replied, "No, when I draw my pistol, I shoot." Almost immediately, Arrants shot, killing Wilson, as before stated.

Mr. McCutchen's testimony and that of the other witnesses did not materially differ in any of the particulars.

Mr. Arrants testified that when Wilson came out of the house he had his hand in either hip pocket or side pocket, and just before he shot, he thought Wilson drew a pistol from his pocket, but did not see it. He thought he saw something in Wilson's hand, and thought he heard something like a pistol click. Wilson had no pistol as was proven by the other witnesses, and Mr. McCutchen, who was with Arrants, and caught Wilson as he fell, saw no pistol.

The arguments were made Wednesday by the attorneys for the defense and the solicitor and the case given to the jury. Messrs. Lee & Moise defended Arrants.

The jury retired and in a few minutes rendered a verdict of not guilty.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

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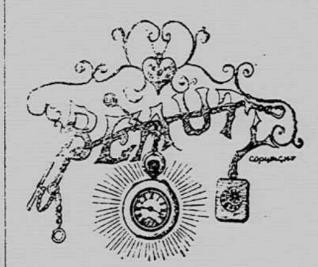
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THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, March 26th, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. By order, F. M. SPANNS, W. M. H. C. MOSES, Secretary.

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