

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1900.

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.

DOES SUMTER WANT A MILL?

We have before us the following letter addressed to a prominent business man of this city:

"I am informed that the business men of Sumter want to build a cotton mill, but for some reason the matter hangs fire. I would like for you to write me whether they want some help from the outside from a man who could bring a strong subscription and take the management of the enterprise. My friends all want me to undertake a cotton mill, and I would appreciate this information with a view of conferring with them if you think there is an opening. There ought not to be any trouble to build a ten thousand spindle mill there with a good man from the outside backed by a good subscription. I will be glad to have an early reply at your convenience."

This letter is from a well known Spartanburg man who has been for years and is now identified with the cotton mill business in that section. He has the practical experience and the financial resources to make a mill a success in Sumter, and he is seeking a locality where there is an abundant supply of cotton and where the field is favorable to a new cotton mill. He means business and can command all the money necessary to establish a mill, but he prefers to locate in a community that is progressive and will cooperate with him in establishing a mill.

This is the solution in a nut shell: Does Sumter want a cotton mill? Will the business men of Sumter put up \$100,000 to secure a \$200,000 cotton mill? If they do not want a cotton mill they have only to refuse to cooperate with this experienced Spartanburg mill man, and nothing more need be said.

Extended comment is not needed and we prefer to leave the matter as it stands on its merits. In times past we have written much about the advantages of cotton mills and much about the desirability of securing outside capital to supplement local capital in establishing the cotton mill industry. All that we have written in the past holds good, and we believe that no one questions that we have stated nothing more than the hard facts when favoring the establishment of a cotton mill. Now out side capital is offered and all that the Sumter people have to do is to meet the offer half way. Will the business men rise to the occasion? Will they do their part toward giving Sumter a big cotton mill or will they say to outside capitalists that no mills are wanted, no capital is invited to invest in Sumter and that Sumter prefers to go on in the same old rut?

The question is, does Sumter want a cotton mill?

Up in New York the color line holds in spite of bragging negroes and all manner of reports sent out. The negroes have really no better showing as a race than they have here in the south. As to rights and privileges they can learn more by making a trip and returning. We would not discourage immigration westward. The people "up there" will never know any thing of Sumter until they have known him. The leading, more intelligent negroes in the Empire state like social recognition, but they can not be said to get much beyond being "mistreated" in the newspapers. Here is a late example of race prejudice and drawing the color line:

In Queen's County, New York colored children rebelled against separation into a school of their own, and being refused admission into the white, the case reached the courts. Finally the separation of the races in school life was sustained, and the "Jim Crow" school of New York became a legal as the "Jim Crow" car of Georgia," says the Atlanta Constitution.

Hunting For a Ravisher.

Spartanburg, March 4.—John Wilson, colored, attempted to ravish two young white girls, operators at Tucca paw mill, last Saturday afternoon. He was unsuccessful.

Armed men have been hunting him everywhere, and he will be lynched if caught. Two bodies, composed of about 100 men each, are searching for him near Reidville and Greenville county line.

STAR ROUTE BOX DELIVERY.

The contracts for carrying the mail on all the Star Routes in the State of South Carolina taking effect July 1, 1900, provide that those who so desire may have the mail that is addressed to them delivered by the carriers into boxes along the lines of the several routes.

Any person living on or near any Star Route in the State named who desires his mail deposited in a box on the line of the route by the carrier on said route may provide and erect a suitable box on the roadside, located in such a manner as to be reached as conveniently as practicable by the carrier, and such person shall file with the postmaster at the post office to which his mail is addressed (which shall be one of the two post offices on the route on either side of and next the box) a request in writing for the delivery of his mail to the carrier on the route for deposit in said mail box, at the risk of the addressee.

It shall be the duty of the postmaster at every such post office, upon a written order from any person living on or near the Star Route, to deliver to the proper mail carrier for that route any mail matter, except registered mail, with instructions as to the proper mail box into which said mail matter so delivered to a carrier for deposit shall be carried past another post office on the route before being deposited in a mail box.

The carrier on the Star Route will be required to receive from any postmaster on the route any mail matter that may be entrusted to him, outside of the usual mail bag, and shall carry such mail matter to and deposit it in the proper boxes placed on the line of the route for this purpose; such service by the carrier to be without charge to the addressee.

The mail carriers must be able to read and write the English language and be of sufficient intelligence to properly handle and deposit the mail for boxes along the routes.

The law provides that every carrier of the mail shall receive any mail matter presented to him, if properly prepaid by stamps, and deliver the same for mailing at the next post office at which he arrives, but that no fees shall be allowed him therefor.

The contract price covers all the service required of the carrier that is indicated herein.

W. S. Shallenberger, 2d Ass't P. M. General.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clear out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by A. J. China.

Forty Living Wives.

Chicago, March 4.—Walker L. Farnsworth, bigamist, was sentenced to the penitentiary yesterday by Judge Baker. He is said to have 49 wives in various parts of the country. He was indicted on four charges and acknowledged he had been married four times without the formality of a divorce from any one of the four wives, all of whom are living. Farnsworth was known as Bradford and by other names. His real name is said to be Orton. He has relatives in Baltimore, where he once lived.

Dr. Cad's Condition Powders are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine, and the best to use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

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The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficacious for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost-bites, chronic ear aches. 25c per box. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

U. S. Jurors.

The following from this county have been drawn on the jury for the April term of the United States Court which will be convened in Charleston by Judge Simonson: Grand Jury—W. T. Andrews; Sumter; J. W. Brusson; Sumter.

Let Congress Repeat the Tax on Intelligence.

The paper trust should be dealt with by the congress. It not only affects the great publishing interests, but it is a tax upon all newspaper and magazine readers. Prices must go up for paper to print upon, and then there must be an advance in the price of the printed newspaper or book or periodical. It is a tax upon learning, upon information, upon the general intelligence.

The taxes on pulp and paper should be reduced at once. The present tariff is a curse and disgrace. The republican gang is alone responsible for it.

There are many reasons for reduction and not one of its continuance. Under the law robbery, wholesale and endless, is perpetrated. The Philadelphia Times says:

"The paper trust is now taxing the newspaper and book publishers of the country many millions, not because of any such actual increase in the cost of producing paper, but because the trust has the power to extort from the purchasers of paper up to the extent that would make tariff-taxed foreign paper and pulp cheaper than the prices demanded here. This trust has played its scheme of extortion to the uttermost, and congress should at once remove the tax that protects no American industry and that has become only an agent to rob the consumers."

Two thirds of the wood pulp used in the manufacture of paper for American consumption should come from Canada, but it is excluded by a tariff tax, and we are now rushing headlong in the destruction of our forests.

It is not creditable to the intelligence of this country that such a method of wholesale robbery should be possible or tolerated. It is destructive and it is oppressive and should not be apologized for or favored by any man of even pretended respectability. The Times says, and wisely says:

"The two conclusive reasons which should make congress act promptly are—first, that the paper trust should be at once halted in its rapid destruction of our American forests by the admission of free wood pulp from Canada; and, second, that the present extortion practiced by the paper trust upon publishers of newspapers and books shall cease to have the protection of the government."

The time has come when any trust that makes arbitrary profits by tariff duties must cease to be protected by the government.

But what can be expected from such a congress as the present one is known to be? It is like its party—a republican robber and oppressor, without fear or conscience. Its life and hope are based on schemes of robbery. It cares nothing for the people—the mass—and of course nothing for forests. The thing to do to please the rabid, wicked, debased party is to rob. The thing for the decent, reputable members to do is to put paper and pulp on the free list. The Times is right when it says that "the paper trust has demonstrated that these taxes serve only a single purpose—that is to invite robbery under color of law."

The paper trust is perhaps the very worst of all trusts for it not only robs a great publishing class, but it places an embargo upon brains—a tax upon education—a levy upon amusement—a tariff upon news. There is no class, there is no condition of men who is in the remotest degree benefited by this law save only the class who create and run the paper trust. The Kansas City Star says of this vile oppression and wrong: "Is there the least shadow of an apology for imposing a penalty on a business or profession which yields to the public the great moral of educational service performed by the newspapers and magazines? There certainly is not. The tyranny of the paper trust is not justified even as a fine and punishment inflicted on the newspapers for their general course of combinations against trade." Is there any possible chance to have the evil cured—the oppression removed? Republicans say they are opposed to trusts. If there is any truth in this why do they not raze heavily the great tariff tax—why do they not strike down this senseless attack upon information and entertainment?—Wilmington Messenger.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures the most stubborn coughs, colds and lung affections. Even inpatient consumption has been successfully cured by the marvelous remedy. Sufferers will obtain relief after a few doses.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. A. E. Hart, of Groton, S. C.—"Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Creator, determined I could not stay with my friends any longer, I would meet my fate as I saw fit. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at J. F. W. DeLoarne's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1. Guarantee or price refunded.

Worthless Curs. Roaming at Large.

Southeast Manchester, March 6.—Well, Mr. Editor, will you admit one of your old services into your columns? It so I will drop it for a short while today.

News is never scarce, so I will take up the dog question. I think there are too many worthless curs roaming around. Hardly a day passes but what we hear of some family being frightened almost out of their senses by some worthless cur. No longer than last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Perj J. Jackson, of Princeton, were frightened by finding one at their back door down with a fit. Mrs. Jackson was badly frightened, but thanks to a kind Providence Mr. Jackson managed to kill the brute before any damage was done. I have also heard that a gentleman of the same community had a valuable horse bitten by one some time ago. And I have heard so many borrowing tales from mad dogs of late that I ask cannot our law makers make some law prohibiting so many running around among our wives and children?

Farmers are somewhat set back in their work by the bad weather of February.

Well, Mr. Editor, with best wishes to you and your readers, I am yours, Sida.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will give immediate relief to a child suffocating with the dreadful croup. Mothers, keep this reliable medicine always handy and it will save you many uneasy hours. It cost but 24 cents.

If you want to purchase a nice buggy or a good horse, go to W. M. Gramam's stable. He has just received a car load of each.

March 7. Willis Carter got too full of dispensary booze last Friday night, and became possessed of a desire to carve some coal. He met Joe Love, an inoffensive negro, on Republic Street near Peter's restaurant, about six o'clock that night and with a few plummy remarks began cutting at Love with a knife. He succeeded in carving Love's left hand in a terrible manner, cutting all the fingers nearly off. Love had Carter arrested next morning, but the case has since been compromised.

Mrs. Harriet Evans, Hinsdale, Ill., writes, "I never fail to relieve my children from croup at once by using One Minute Cough Cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung diseases. J. S. Hugson & Co.

A crowd of negroes were pulled by the police Monday afternoon and that night for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and yesterday they were before the mayor. Five of them paid fines or were turned over to Street Commissioner Tribble to work out their time on the streets.

Supt. Edmunds has made the following report for the past school month: Washington Street School, total enrollment 458, average daily attendance, 375; Lincoln School, total enrollment 481, average daily attendance, 368. Total enrollment in both schools, 939.

The First of the Candidates.

The campaign has opened and the first candidates for a county office announce themselves today.

Coroner A. D. Moses is announced for reelection and will stand on his record when he goes before the people on the stump to ask for their votes. He has made a bustling and zealous official, and so duty has been left unperformed during his term.

Mr. Thomas M. Jones announces that he is a candidate for election to the office of Coroner, and his pledge that he will discharge the duties of the office, if elected, faithfully and efficiently will be made good to the letter. He is a deserving man and a faithful democrat, and whoever there has been work for men with sound and cool grit Tom Jones has always responded among the first and has never skulked or failed to do all that a man should do.

The Row in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., March 5.—In the Democratic senate today Senator Bell introduced a bill which provides that any State officer who shall forcibly hold possession of the office for a longer period than five days after the legislature or State contest board shall have declared another person legally elected shall be guilty of felony.

Senator Triplett, anti-Goebel Democrat, offered a resolution today to investigate the truth of published reports concerning shipments of State arms to London by Republican Gov Taylor, and to demand the return of some to the State arsenal. If the reports are found to be true and return of the arms are refused, the committee appointed to make the investigation shall then bring in a bill making an appropriation of \$250,000 to buy new guns and also authorizing Gen John B. Castleman to issue a call for a sufficient number of volunteers to take the guns from those now in possession of them and return them to the arsenal.

A storm of applause followed the reading of the resolution, which lies over one day.

The orders for the shipment of guns and ammunition from the State arsenal here to London, Ky., by the republican State authorities was revoked this afternoon and a car loaded with munitions of war, consigned to London, was unloaded and its contents returned to the arsenal in this city. The state officials give no reason for the change of programme. The soldiers worked all forenoon loading the cars. There is a report that the war department at Washington interfered.

Greenville, March 5.—Eric Teague, a negro, was stabbed Saturday night by Homer Ward, a young white man, and died Sunday morning from the effects of the wound. Both men had been drinking and got into a quarrel, which resulted in the cutting and death of Teague. The negro was running and fell, when Ward overtook him and drove his knife blade into his breast, the blade entering his heart, causing hemorrhages.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

The First Route in the County to be From Bishopville.

As will be seen from the following copy of a letter from the first assistant postmaster general to Congressman Stokes, by whom it was forwarded to this office, a rural free delivery service has been established from Bishopville, and will commence on the 15th instant. Post Office Department, First Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25, 1900. Hon. J. Wm Stokes, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in informing you that in accordance with your request Rural Free Delivery Service has this day been ordered established from Bishopville, Sumter County, South Carolina, to commence on Thursday, March 16th, 1900. Very respectfully, Perry S. Heath, First Asst. P. M. General.

Mr. J. L. Parrott is the carrier on this route.

Important Cases Tried at Clarendon's Court.

Manning, March 1.—Court has been in session here this week with Judge D. A. Townsend presiding. The cases of principal importance at this term were the State against J. P. Brock for criminal libel and the State against F. H. Hursey, a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line, for killing a negro at Pinewood several weeks ago. It was proven that Conductor Hursey shot the negro in self-defense and the jury only remained over seven minutes when they returned a verdict of not guilty.

The Brock libel case has attracted large crowds to town on account of the prominence of the parties concerned. W. S. Richbourg, ex-superintendent of education, was the prosecutor and the charge was that J. P. Brock circulated a libelous circular against Richbourg, the whole matter growing out of a difficulty between Richbourg and A. P. Brock, a brother of the defendant. The case was hotly contested and lasted about two days, the defense being represented by Messrs. J. F. Rhame, of Manning, and Lee & Moore, of Sumter, and Solicitor Wilson was assisted in the prosecution by Capt. W. C. Davis. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy. Before sentence was passed Richbourg the prosecutor, asked that the judge make the sentence as light as possible, as he (Richbourg) was only wishing a verdict as a vindication. In view of the jury recommendation to mercy and this request by the prosecutor, Judge Townsend made the sentence very light, \$50 fine or one day on the chain-gang.

The attorneys for the defense moved for a new trial, but the motion was overruled, and it is understood that the defendant will give bond and appeal to the supreme court.

A. R. De Fluett, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by A. J. China.

Militia Elections.

Gen Floyd has issued following orders: Special Order No. 1: In compliance with general order No. 8, an election for field officers of the various regiments and battalions of this State was held on the 17th day of February and the following officers, having received a majority of the votes cast, are hereby declared elected and will assume command upon receipt of their commissions together with a copy of this order: First regiment of South Carolina volunteer infantry: Colonel, J. C. Boyd; lieutenant colonel, H. Fay G. Bay; major 2d battalion, J. S. Cochran; major 3d battalion, J. H. Marston.

Second South Carolina volunteer infantry: Colonel, Willie Jones; major 2d battalion, J. W. Culler; major 3d battalion, W. L. Lee.

First South Carolina volunteer cavalry: Colonel, J. R. Sparkman; major 2d battalion, S. A. Marvin; major 2d battalion, National Guards, George A. Reed.

Special Order No. 11: In compliance with general order No. 8, an election for lieutenant colonel of the 2d South Carolina volunteer infantry is hereby ordered to take place on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 1900, one of the candidates for said position having received a majority of the votes cast on February 17, 1900.

In compliance with general order No. 8, an election for lieutenant colonel and major of the 3d battalion, South Carolina volunteer cavalry, is hereby ordered to take place on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 1900, one of the candidates for said position having received a majority of the votes cast on February 17, 1900.

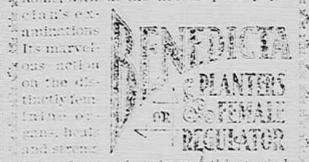
The provisions of election as provided in general order No. 8 will govern the election to be had on March 17.

RELIEF CAME.



Mrs. E. C. COLYER of Salisbury, Ga., Aug. 8th, 1898, writes: Benedicta has certainly been a blessing to my sixteen year old daughter. She was in wretched health and had missed four months. Two bottles of Benedicta have entirely restored her health. The monthly periods have returned and are now painless and regular.

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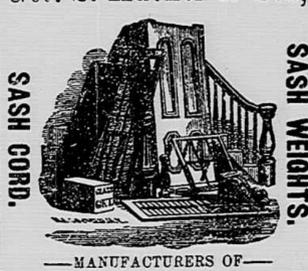
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