

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1900.

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

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, S. C., May 22, 1900.—The temperature was reasonable during the week ending 8 a. m., May 22nd, with a maximum of 93, and a minimum of 46 degrees, both reported from the northwestern portion of the State.

The rainfall ranged in amount from one-fourth of an inch to nearly three inches. The least amount fell in the extreme northwestern counties, and the heaviest occurred over the central counties.

Although the nights continue too cool for rapid growth and crops are backward over the western portions, the weather conditions were favorable and caused improvement in the condition of all crops. The rains were beneficial, and brought up all late planted seeds, and put bottom lands into condition to be plowed and planted, except in some western counties where more rain is needed.

Oats look well and has good stands except where worms have damaged it on bottom lands. While planting is far from finished, some corn is receiving its second cultivation.

Cotton is practically all planted. It is making slow growth, but either, has, or is coming up to full stands, which are, however, somewhat irregular in size. Cultivation and chipping is general. Some fields are still green, and grasshoppers are destroying cotton in one county. Sea island has a good stand and is thriving.

Rice continues on wheat to the detriment of the crop. The recent rains have improved both wheat and rice, the latter being now particularly fine over large areas. Oats will soon be ready to harvest in the southern counties.

Tobacco has fairly good stands, and the ground is in condition for replanting. The plants are small but vigorous.

Rice improved with the warmer nights. Planting continues where previously hindered by frosts.

Sweet potato draws are being cut out. Melons, sugar cane, peanuts, gardens and truck generally show marked improvement. Peaches, although dropping, still indicate a full crop. Peas and apples continue to blight, and while the former will be plentiful, the latter will be scarce. Large shipments of seasonable vegetables continue from the truck raising districts. There is complaint of a scarcity of field hands in some localities.

CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Anderson—Coriaria: Dry until Friday, then partial showers which were much needed; late cotton not up to good stands; corn on bottom lands all planted; wheat unusually promising; oats this on the lead but fairly good; fruit crop generally promising; cut worms, potato bugs and crows doing much damage.—J. A. Brown.

Charleston—Charleston: First part of the week dry and cool; fine rains on the 16th and 18th, beneficial to all crops; bean crop being shipped; cucumbers and melons doing fairly well; short yield of potatoes; second brood potato bugs have put in appearance.—H. Simonds.

Clarendon—Pinewood: Crops suffered from dry weather and there is only a partial stand of cotton; copious showers in the last two days will bring up the balance of seeds planted, and give new life and vigor to vegetation; oats will soon be ready to harvest; wheat is poor, due to rust.—R. S. DeChamps.

Darlington—Society Hill: Drought conditions relieved by moderate showers; missing tobacco plants reset and sweet potatoes transplanted; cut and wheat greatly benefited; late cotton coming up, and gardens revived; peaches continue to drop, threatening a short crop in sections.—Maj. J. J. Lucas.

Florence—Lynch: Farmers are well up with their work; week has been favorable for cultivation of crops; good stands of all crops except late planted cotton, which will now come up as fine rains fell on the 17th and 18th; vegetables are plentiful.—E. J. Smith.

Georgetown—Sampit: Drought broken on 17th; rain very beneficial on gardens, oats and late planted cotton; bad worms doing considerable damage to corn planted in April and May; March corn doing well; peaches dropping badly; grapes and pears promise a full crop; sweet and white potatoes are promising.—R. W. Bailey.

Sumter—Statesburg: Delightful and beneficial rains occurred on the 17th and 18th; not much wind; gardens, orchards and field crops of all kinds will be greatly improved by the rains.—W. W. Anderson.

Orangeburg—Springfield: The drought that prevailed damaged corn, but the rain on Friday made a considerable improvement; cotton looks well; small grains are promising; fruit trees laden with fruit; a fine crop of blackberries in prospect; as a whole, crops are doing well.—D. E. Starkey.

Kershaw—Camden: All crops are in good condition, and the recent rains made them look fine; late corn is being planted.—B. Ammons.

Lancaster—Ocoala: Has been very dry; warm days and cool nights up to Thursday evening; drizzling rain on Friday; all vegetation needs rain; wheat and oats will not be full crops; apple and peaches about half crops.—T. W. Seacrest.

H. Cowper Patton Dead.

Columbia, May 22.—Hon. H. Cowper Patton, of Columbia, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., at 7 a. m. today. He survived an operation for aneurism of the aorta for a week and hope that he would recover was entertained. He was well known throughout South Carolina.

Triumph of Law in Williamsburg Court.

Kingstree, May 22.—Court convened here today, Judge Gage presiding, with Solicitor Wilson and Stenographer Tillman promptly at their posts of duty. The first case was against the negro Hamlet McGill for rape, or attempted rape, on a nine year old white girl. He was ably defended by Mr. M. J. Hirsch, assisted by Capt. Kelly, both of whom were appointed by the court to do so. Solicitor Wilson conducted the prosecution in his usual forcible style, and the case was given to the jury late this afternoon. They were out about 30 minutes and returned a verdict of guilty. The negro seemed to be perfectly indifferent to the court proceedings, and I do not believe he yet realizes the awful reality that is before him. He was sentenced to be hanged Friday, June 15th. He never moved a muscle when the death sentence was passed on him and remained stoical and immovable to the last.

SWEETHEART KILLS FATHER.

Prospective Wedding Results in Tragedy Near Cordele. CORDELE, Ga., May 22.—A prospective wedding, in which the young lady's father objected to his daughter's choice for a husband, resulted in the killing of John Raines, father of the bride-elect, and his son, and the probable fatal wounding of two others, whose names are unknown.

Saturday morning Charles Gleaton, accompanied by a friend, drove to the Raines home and was joined by Miss Raines, whom he was to marry, when the father and son interfered. Young Raines rushed upon Gleaton with a gun, when the latter drew his revolver and shot Raines and his son, the former dying instantly, while the latter lived only a few hours.

Plan of Campaign Arranged.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 22.—A conference has been held in this city between the Democratic state executive committee and the nominees of the Democratic party for the various state offices and electors. It was the first meeting of the new committee since its selection at the state convention last month. All the candidates were present and the plan of campaign was arranged.

Fire in Huntsville.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 22.—A loss of \$12,000 was occasioned by a fire in the basement of A. S. Daniel's furniture store on the east side of the public square Sunday. Out of 14 stores and business houses along the row nine have been burned or damaged by water during the past month. Incendiarism is suspected.

Assaulted With an Ax.

TALLULAH FALLS, Ga., May 22.—Frank Arrandale, who lives near this place, was struck on the head by an ax in the hands of Joe Beard and seriously hurt. The injury is not considered dangerous.

Farmer Stabbed.

TALLULAH FALLS, Ga., May 22.—W. F. Roane, a farmer of Rabun county, was probably fatally stabbed by Warren Dunlap at Clayton Saturday. A disputed business transaction was the cause. Dunlap was arrested and placed in jail.

Mrs. Lee Arrives From Havana.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, wife of the military governor of Havana and members of her family, have arrived here on board the United States transport Sedgwick from Havana.

Southern Railway Extension.

HAMPTON, S. C., May 22.—Grading stakes are being placed and contracts let for the extension of the Southern railway from Hardeeville to this place. Work will begin at an early date.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes. But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oases; and the plural of goose, not two are called geese. Yet the plural of mouse should never be mice. Y may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice. But the plural of house is houses, not hies; if the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? The cow in the plural may be cows or kies, but a cow if repeated is never called kies. And if a plural of vow is vowe, not vise, and if I speak of a foot and you show me your feet, and if I speak of a boot, would a pair be called boots? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of tooth be called teeth? If the singular's this and the plural is these, should the plural of kiss be nicknamed keese? Then one may be that and three would be thee, yet but in the plural would never be hose. And the plural of cat is cats, not cotes, we speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother we never say methren. Then the masculine procons are he, his and him, but imagine the feminine she, this and shim. So the English, I think, you will agree, is the most wonderful language you ever did see. —Penny Pictorial Magazine.

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PRESIDENT IN BAD HEALTH.

For this Reason Vice Presidency is Source of Worry.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Republican members of congress who were in the city last Sunday night said the selection of a candidate for vice president to run with President McKinley was as perplexing as ever, and that the matter had taken a new phase.

This is caused by the state of the president's health. The information that comes from Washington is that while the president's health is not alarming, it is of a character to cause uneasiness among his intimate friends, to whom the facts are known. They will not even breathe a doubt that the president is likely to serve four years more, yet they are satisfied that more than usual care must be taken in providing for the presidential succession.

Usually the vice presidency has been thrown as a sop to the defeated faction. This will not be the case this year. At a recent conference in Washington it was assumed that Governor Roosevelt was entirely out of consideration and his name was not presented. In explaining this it may be said that there are very large numbers of Republicans in and out of the state who still believe that the governor will "be drafted" at Philadelphia. Still at the meeting in Washington other names were considered, among them being those of C. N. Bliss, Secretary of the Navy Long, Senator Lodge, Senator Colburn of Illinois, Senator Wolcott of Colorado and General E. S. Otis.

Murderer Electrocuted.

SING SING, May 22.—Fritz Meyer was put to death in the electric chair at 6:05 o'clock for the murder of Policeman Frederick Smith in New York city on the night of Oct. 27, 1897.

Hosiery Mill and Power Plant.

DURHAM, N. C., May 22.—The contract has been let for the building of another hosiery mill and for an extensive powerhouse, to cost \$60,000, and to be completed early in 1901.

New Compress and Cotton Mill.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., May 22.—Application has been made to the superior court of Thomas county to incorporate the Georgia-Alabama Compress company. The capital stock, \$80,000, has already been paid in. It is understood that it will absorb both the Thomasville Investment company and the Dothan Compress company. The company proposes to erect a cotton mill and cottonseed oil mill in connection with the compress.

An Outlaw Run Down.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 22.—A proclamation of outlawry was issued last week for Thomas Fort, a white man, who assaulted Mrs. James Driver, near Fayetteville. Fort has been captured near here at the house of a relative.

DAILY MARKET REPORTS.

Table with columns for COTTON, GRAIN AND PROVISIONS, and NAVAL STORES. Includes prices for New York, Chicago, and Savannah.

Twenty Years Proof.

Tutt's Liver Pills keep the bowels in natural motion and cleanse the system of all impurities. An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation and kindred diseases. "Can't do without them" R. P. Smith, Chilesburg, Va. writes I don't know how I could do without them. I have had Liver disease for over twenty years. Am now entirely cured. Tutt's Liver Pills

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

THE examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College, and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House, on Friday, July 20th at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age. When scholarships are vacated after July 20th, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination. The cost of attendance, including board, furnished room, heat, light and washing is only \$8.50 per month. For further information and a catalogue, address,

PRES. D. B. JOHNSON, May 22 ROCK HILL, S. C.

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RELIEF CAME.

Mrs. E. C. COLYER of Salubry, 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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Did you know that we have the largest and most complete line of Groceries of any house in Sumter, and always prepared to meet the demands in our line? Our trade has grown to such extent that we are forced to have more room. In addition to our large store and warehouse that we now have, we are fitting up a 90-foot warehouse between the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern depots in order that we may be in better position to supply the demands.

In addition to our large stock of goods on hand, we have lots of goods bought at factories that we can ship direct to you and save you money.

We give you a FEW PRICES BELOW, but as we have not space to give you a full list of prices, will ask that you write or come and get our prices which we will furnish with pleasure.

- Best large Lump Starch, 40 lb boxes 8 1/2 lb
Best Soda, 60 lb boxes, 1-lb packages, at \$2 per box
Star Lye, \$3 per case, 4 dozen. Delivered in 5 case lots.
Rex Baking Powders 1/2 and 1-lb cans, \$3 60 per case of 100 1/2 and 50 lbs. Delivered in 5 case lots, with 1 case Rex. Soda, 60 lbs., free.
TEA—Good Black and Green, 10 lb caddies, 35c lb
DIME MILK—Four dozen in case, at \$3 50 per case
OLD VIRGINIA CHEROOTS—Three for 5c at \$12 50 per thousand
OLD GLORY CHEROOTS—Five for 10c \$14 per thousand
CIGARS—The finest 5c Cigars on the market \$35 per thousand
SCHNAPPS TOBACCO—10 lb caddies 35c per lb
EARLY BIRD TOBACCO—10 lb caddies 35c per lb
SWEET APPLE TOBACCO—10 lb caddies 34c per lb
LALLA ROOK TOBACCO—10 lb caddies 32c per lb
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Phone 53. Sumter, S. C.

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The weather of the past few days would indicate the near approach of Summer, and the consequent necessity of providing one's self with appropriate wearing apparel. In looking around for your wants in this line, do not fail to give us a call for we feel assured we can supply a liberal percentage of your needs. Our line of

WASH MATERIAL AND WHITE GOODS

Is the most complete we have ever carried, and the manner in which we have been selling them is a guarantee to us that

The Styles and Prices are Right.

Already our stock is badly broken in some lines which we hope soon to replenish. There has been a great deal said about the advance in prices of Dry Goods, but we see no justification for this, except in domestic goods, such as bleached, brown and plaid homespuns, that are directly affected by the price of cotton, the advance is not apparent. We are still selling

A Good Print 36-in Percales at 5c per yard at 8 1-3c per yard

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