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The Watchman and Southern.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2.

J. A. MOOD, M. D., Editor. D. B. ANDERSON, Editor.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The object of the proprietors of the Watchman and True Southern newspapers in consolidating the same into The Watchman and Southern is, by combining capital, experience and energy, to offer the public a paper worthy of their support and confidence.

The Editor of the paper will be strictly Democratic, tempered by that liberal spirit which all men and parties should show to those who differ from them in opinion.

The Editorial Department will be controlled by Dr. J. A. Mood, a graduate of the highest honor from Wofford College, S. C., and Mr. D. B. Anderson, one of the former Editors of the True Southern.

There will be a Religious Department to the paper Edited by Rev. C. C. Brown, Pastor of the Baptist Church of the town.

In the near future we anticipate giving to the people of our section a Tri-Weekly.

All subscriptions and advertisements to either of the two former papers will be continued by the Consolidated Paper, and persons who have paid in advance for either in both papers will be credited with such amounts as they respectively are entitled to.

SALUTATORY.

There are certain conventionalities which popular opinion requires us to observe, if we would enjoy the conscious possession of all those superiorities which connoisseurs of propriety imply in the adjective 'genteel'.

In order, therefore, to pay my respects to that journalistic custom which requires the assumption of editorial labor to be prefaced by a formal introduction, I hereby make my literary obeisance to the public, feeling assured that the event will occasion no very profound concern.

I will, nevertheless endeavor in the weekly preparation of our literary pabulum to make the bill of fare as attractive as possible.

JULIUS A. MOOD.

The religious department of this paper, which will occupy a portion of the fourth page, under the management of Rev. C. C. Brown, by reason of his absence will not appear until our next issue.

The article in this paper, signed "Observer," is from a prominent citizen, and one entitled to the term of "a representative man."

THE FENCE LAW.

Our friends of the Ad astra in speaking of the Fence Law refer to Act of the Legislature approved June 7th, 1877, as the one controlling the Board of County Commissioners of this County.

In this they are mistaken, and we would refer them to the Act of the Legislature approved December 24th, 1880, page 401, which requires the Commissioners to levy a tax and build certain fences. The facts are that the tax for this purpose has been levied and a part of it already collected; that certain contracts have been let, and some parts of the fence completed.

Death of Col. Burch.

Col. John C. Burch, Secretary of the United States Senate, who has been ill for some time, with organic disease of the heart, died at his residence in Washington last week.

DROUGHT AN ABOLISHER OF THE LIEN SYSTEM.

The abolishment of the lien law is being gravely discussed, and at the Agricultural meeting of the Farmers at Greenville, S. C., last week, resolutions were adopted which will be sent up to the next Legislature in behalf of its repeal.

Col. Butler, in an address before the Agricultural meeting, set forth very plainly the damaging effects we were experiencing yearly from the lien system. He presented the following statistics:

In 1879, 27,470 liens were recorded in eight counties, averaging \$36.83 each, and amounting to \$2,267,167. If the other fifteen counties had the same number each and averaging the same the whole amount of liens for 1879 was \$4,372,753 and the number of liens 50,358.

The number of liens given in 1880 was 67,518, averaging \$109, and aggregating \$7,359,462. If the crop was the same as in 1879, and sold for the same, it required about 28 per cent. to cancel the liens, and the profit to the factors was probably over \$2,000,000.

It is not doubted in the least that this system is detrimental to the general prosperity of our State. This is conceded by both parties; the one who is compelled to get advances, and the other who gives them. Like all other necessary evils it had its origin from necessity, and as such it was legislated upon and became an established law.

From experience it is seen that as long as the necessity continues the law continues. Whether or not the necessity for the lien system is as urgent as when it was first adopted is the question. One would suppose from the number of liens given out last and this year that the necessity is greater than ever before.

As long as one part of our people desire and think it necessary to get yearly advances and the other part of the citizens are willing and able to supply them, the mere fact that this law has been repealed and stricken from our Statute Books, will have little or no effect in virtually eradicating this system. It originated from necessity and so must it be abolished. This year's drought has struck the death-blow at its very roots, and it will finally be the cause of the abolishment of the lien system in our State.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA R. R.

The legal complications which have for so long impeded and disturbed the functions of this artery of commerce are at last removed, and a new era of activity and usefulness dawns upon it.

It is not easy for a Carolinian, and especially a Charlestonian, to think of this grand old highway as other than part and parcel of our common domain, and yet it is consoling to know, now that the right of property and the legal title have passed to Northern capitalists, that the beneficial interest, for all the purposes of trade and convenience, is, and must ever remain in the people of South Carolina.

It is very much to be questioned whether, from any other than a sentimental view, the transfer of the property and its management to non-residents is a material disadvantage to the State, or to its Metropolis. Certain it is that the immense sum which represents the financial value of the road is substantially acquired as so much capital in the State.

Mr. S. B. Pickett then read the following notice, which was subsequently handed to the Master: "I beg leave to state that the Enterprise Railroad Company own the 30-pound rails on about one-half a mile of track that they are using in the yards of the South Carolina Railroad for transferring freight. They were put down by agreement with the South Carolina Railroad, as the property of the Enterprise Railroad, and, therefore, not included in this sale."

These preliminaries having been settled, the auctioneer asked for his bids, and after a slight pause Mr. W. H. Brawley started the bidding at \$500,000. Almost before the auctioneer could repeat the figures Mr. Samuel Lord bid \$1,000,000, which figure was cried for about five minutes, during which the competing bidders were conversing pleasantly, appearing to have no further interest in the proceeding. "To cry one million dollars" is not a very pleasant job, but its tediousness was lightened by a number of changes of accent, which varied the monotony and gave the bidders time for deliberation and reflection.

At this point Mr. Fisher asked Mr. Lord for whom he was bidding, to which Mr. Lord replied that he represented Messrs. George W. Williams, F. J. Pelzer and R. N. Gourdin. Mr. Fisher said it was his business to satisfy himself as to the ability of the purchasers to pay the cash portion of the purchase money, whereupon Mr. Lord produced a certified check for \$100,000.

The sale then proceeded, the auctioneer ringing the changes upon "one million one hundred thousand" and "eleven hundred thousand" for about thirteen minutes, during which frequent appeals were made for better bids. During this interval the Receiver remarked that it was "very slow work," and the auctioneer appealed to the bidders to spare his lungs, an entreaty to which the bidders seemed to lend a deaf ear.

UNDER THE HAMMER!

Sale of the South Carolina Railroad for \$1,275,000.

It is not often that Charleston has the opportunity of witnessing the sale of a thirteen million dollar railroad, and the chance that presented itself on the 28th, in the sale of the South Carolina Railroad was not neglected. If there were only two bidders at the sale there was a splendid attendance of spectators, who stood out to the last, upholding the error by their patience and presence and encouraging the competing parties.

The sale took place in the vacant square on the north side of the Post-office building. A large table served as a platform on which were placed three chairs and a small table for the use of Receiver Fisher, Auctioneer Blake L. White and a stenographic reporter. Promptly at eleven o'clock these three personages mounted the stand, which was speedily surrounded by a crowd of about 500 persons composed of brokers, lawyers, bankers, merchants, mechanics, railroad magnates and gentlemen of elegant leisure.

The windows of the Chamber of Commerce building which afforded a view of the scene were crowded with spectators. The weather was not as warm as on "Red-hot Friday," but the rays of the sun were the reverse of cool, and a vast variety of umbrellas were put into immediate use. There were gingham and silks, bombazines and cottons of all hues and shades and in all the stages of umbrellia life, and when the Receiver, who is also the Special Master, mounted the stand to read the decree of the Court under which the sale was held he faced a sea of umbrellas which covered the entire square.

Among those who are interested in the road and who were present were Major D. T. Corbin, the attorney of the Receiver; Major W. H. Brawley, of the Purchasing Committee, and Mr. John W. Sterling, one of the attorneys of the committee; Col. Samuel Lord, Col. H. E. Young, Major G. L. Brist, Mr. Geo. W. Williams, Messrs. Mitchell & Smith, the counsel for the complainants in the case; Mayor Courtney, Col. John B. Peck, the superintendent of the road, and others.

Some Preliminaries. Upon taking the stand Mr. Fisher read the decree of the Circuit Court ordering the sale of the road and the decree of the Supreme Court modifying the appeal and confirming the order of the Court below.

Mr. B. L. White, the auctioneer, then read the notice of the sale as published in the News and Courier. The reading of these documents occupied about a half hour, during which the crowd stood patiently, with elevated umbrellas, wiping the perspiration from their moistened foreheads.

When the Auctioneer had finished reading the notice of the sale the Special Master, Mr. Fisher, said he desired to call special attention to the concluding paragraph which authorized the Master to require bidders to furnish satisfactory proof of their ability to pay the cash portion of the purchase money, \$100,000.

Mr. Samuel Lord asked if the check would be called for just before knocking down the property. Mr. Fisher replied, "That is the question."

Mr. Lord then said he raised that question. Mr. Fisher replied that he did not mean to say he was bound to have the check, but he wanted to see that the check was forthcoming.

Mr. Lord said that if he made a bid and was required to produce his check, the Master was bound to knock down the road upon the production of that check.

Mr. Fisher decided that he would call for the certified check before he accepted a bid.

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Mr. Geo. W. Williams once remarked, sotto voce, "Well knock it down." The crying continued; and the appeals of the auctioneer for a fresh bid. At length Maj. Brawley responded to the appeal and bid \$1,200,000, which was immediately followed by a bid of \$1,250,000 from Mr. Lord.

After a few moments Mr. Brawley bid \$1,275,000, and the bidding halted a few minutes. This was hard work on the auctioneer, who appealed to somebody to bid \$1,300,000, "just to change the tune," but to this there was no response. The Master suggested that the Mayor might buy the road for the city, but the suggestion failing to evoke a bid from the Mayor, he asked for Col. Pickett, suggesting that he might purchase the road and consolidate it with the Enterprise Railroad.

But even this failed to evoke another bid, and the case seemed hopeless. Finally about 12 o'clock, one hour after the commencement of the sale, Col. Lord announced that he had no further bid to make.

THE SALE. The auctioneer asked Col. Lord if he was satisfied with the last bid of \$1,275,000 as Major Brawley's bid, to which he replied in the affirmative. A few moments later, after the usual notice of "last call three times" the road was knocked down at \$1,275,000, the highest bid. Major Brawley presented to the special Master a certified check for \$100,000, drawn by M. D. Searls, and the Master announced that in obedience to the order of Court the South Carolina Railroad had been sold for \$1,275,000 to J. S. Barcus, Samuel Sloan, J. A. Higginson, F. A. Stout and W. H. Brawley, trustees for themselves and others.

The sea of umbrellas melted like snow beneath the rays of the sun, and in five minutes the scene presented the usual appearance of Broad street, undisturbed by so important an event as the sale of a Railroad.

The sale was conducted admirably, and the arrangements of both Mr. Fisher and Blake L. White could not have been better. —News and Courier.

Joint Summer Meeting.

Greenville has been highly honored during the week by the joint meeting of the State Grange and Agricultural and Mechanical Association. They are a fine looking, intelligent body of men, and their discussions of practical questions connected with agriculture and mechanical arts were deeply interesting.

Col. Wallace, of Columbia, introduced S. F. Livingston, Chairman of the Georgia delegation, who shifted the duty of speech-making on to the shoulders of Rev. David E. Butler of the Georgia delegation, and a better selection could not have been made.

Mr. Butler has the happy faculty of always instructing an audience, and was peculiarly fortunate in this instance, as he kept the entire assemblage in the best of humor, and by his keen wit and good humored allusions provoked roars of laughter and generous applause.

The Chairman of the delegations were directed to furnish the Secretary with a full list of delegates after recess.

E. R. Melver, of Darlington, read an essay upon the cultivation of upland cotton, which elicited considerable discussion, which was participated in by several delegates, and much valuable information was gained.

Just before recess a communication was read from Sloan Bros., who, with their accustomed liberality, invited the joint convention to partake of copious draughts of cooling nectar from their Arctic Soda Fountain. It is needless to say the invitation was accepted promptly, and the members adjourned from labor to refreshment at once.

After recess J. W. Summers read an essay upon the cultivation of upland rice, which was followed by an essay by Dr. James McIntosh, of Newberry, on "Immigration." After the discussion of this question, Mr. C. H. Moore read an essay on "The labor question of the South," but the hour being late he did not finish, but announced the continuance of his address on Wednesday.

At the opening of the meeting on Wednesday P. J. Beckmann, of Augusta, Ga., delivered an admirable dissertation on fruit culture. Mr. Moore then concluded the reading of his essay.

THE MARKETS.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 1, 6 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The market was firm at 37 cents per gallon, with sales reported of 75 casks at that price.

ROBIN—The market was firm at \$1.75 for Strained and \$1.80 for Good strained, at which price lots are taken and offered.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quoted firm at \$3.10 per barrel for Yellow Dip and Virgin.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Monday Evening, Aug. 1, 1881.—COTTON—This article was quiet to-day and business unimportant, the sales probably being less than 20 bales, among which were lots of common kinds from 44 1/2¢ to 45 1/2¢.

THE LIMITED TRANSACTIONS taking place indicate the following rates, say: Deep stained and low grades, 44 1/2¢; Tinged, 10 1/2¢; Ordinary, 8 1/2¢; Good Ordinary, 10 1/2¢; Low Middling, 12 1/2¢; Middling, 11 1/2¢; and Good Middling, 11 1/2¢.

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JOS. H. EARLE, Plaintiff's Attorney. [L. S.] W. H. COTTON, C. C. P.

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