

The Watchman and Southerner. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20. A. A. MOOD, M. D., Editor.

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

There is a wild panther running at large in the Wateree swamp just below Camden. A Kentucky man boasts of a pair of boots made in 1814. Immortal soles? The Laurensville Herald says there is a boom in the lien business in that county.

Crops in England and throughout Europe have a very discouraging outlook, because of wet weather. Crops in America are opening up on high and dry lands. Business is realizing the difference and feeling the impetus. According to Bradstreet's, the iron industries, as well as the cotton mills, are being given up as unfavorable points and seek the notion of cheap production in the South.

The Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture estimates the wheat crop of the State at 22,425,000 bushels, from 1,485,000 acres. There has not been a single bank failure in Japan since the law was enacted setting of the heads of the cashiers and directors of the banks that fall. Japan would deal tenderly with Star Routes and State Treasurers.

Samuel Wragg, a prominent citizen of Charleston and junior member of the firm of G. T. Lowndes & Co., fell back dead in his chair while sitting at the dinner table at his home on Thursday. The cause of his sudden death is supposed to have been heart disease. The temperance movement is making decided headway in Florida. The Senate by unanimous vote having passed a bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in that State.

A firm of Chicago capitalists are reported to be en route for points in Southern Mississippi, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, for the purpose of purchasing a vast body of timber land, estimated at four hundred thousand acres. The Southern forests are rapidly meeting the fate of the once beautiful woodlands of the Middle and Eastern States.

A Connecticut legislature has introduced into the house of representatives of that state a bill proposing to fine in the sum of not less than \$25, and in addition to imprisonment for not more than thirty days, any person who shall "shoot, snare, or kill in any way the bird known as, called the American crow."

The South's Staple. Reports of the Cotton Crop to the Agricultural Bureau. Unusual Length of the Season For Maturing.—The Late Growth.—The Staple Longer than Usual. WASHINGTON, February 15.—The following is a synopsis of the returns of the cotton crop to the Agricultural Bureau, to date: "The returns of the product in bales make an aggregate of over 6,800,000 disturbed in thousands of bales as follows: Virginia, 24; North Carolina, 452; South Carolina, 616; Georgia, 920; Florida, 61; Alabama, 584; Mississippi, 1,042; Louisiana, 539; Texas, 1,826; Arkansas, 687; Tennessee, 337; Missouri, 25; other territories, 22. The unusual length of the season for maturing is given very generally as an important factor of the increased production. The late growth was so vigorous in portions of the area cultivated that much immature cotton was destroyed by frost, notwithstanding the lateness of the season.

The Star Route trial is drawing to a close, and the conviction of the late Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Drey, is not doubted, nor is it doubted, that he will be the company in prison of his co-conspirator, the other republican pillar of strength, Brady. Yesterday Bredell, one of the conspirators on trial, withdrew his plea of guilty and pleaded guilty instead, and afterwards, appeared on the witness stand and gave damning evidence against the accused.

With Jay Hubbell, charged by his own associates with bribery in Michigan; with all the methods of the party condemned by the election in November; with the states prison yawning for him who was complimented by President Arthur with furnishing the soap that elected Garfield—the party that has so long claimed the purity, piety and patriotism of the country is in a humiliated and most disgraceful attitude.

The truth is apparent to all who look below the surface that but little is left of the Republican party save the lobby. It no longer represents a great cause, it has not a breath of its old enthusiasm, it exists through the support, and for the support of monopolists and rings and office holders who, it is known, are now here in a more powerful, aggressive, and impudent lobby than has ever before appeared in the Capitol of the United States.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—The water is still receding from half an inch to an inch an hour. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—The river this morning began receding slowly, and is now at 44 feet 3 inches. The fact that the water is going away so slowly is the advantage of the property submerged.

Another Treasurer Gone Wrong. PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 15.—An Altoona, Penn., special dispatch says John L. McDowell, Treasurer of Y. M. C. A. and a prominent commission merchant, has absconded with four hundred dollars of the association's money and between three and four thousand dollars belonging to the parties dealing with him in the commission business.

Bachelors and Old Maids. There is a small town in one of the New England States that boasts of having 37 old maids. Edgefield can boast of having 31 bachelors. Imagine the cooing and wooing and holding hands, etc., if these two towns could be brought a little nearer together. What a pity they are so far apart.—Edgefield Chronicle.

WASHINGTON LETTER. [From our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1883. The American citizen who has sat for the last four weeks in the gallery of the House or of the Senate will have no excuse for asking: "Who is tariff, and what does he want with revenue only?" He will have learned that everything except air, water, and a few articles of food are taxed by the tariff for the alleged protection of American labor.

Chicago has sixty-four millionaires and puts on more than seventy-four million airs. Children often wake in the night with a burning fever, and the parent is at a loss to divine the cause. Worms! Worms! are at work. A dose of Stryker's Indian Vermifuge is the only remedy.

PROCLAMATION. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER. COLUMBIA, FEBRUARY 17, 1883. WHEREAS information has been lodged at this Office that on the night of 8th of February, 1883, the BARN of J. J. DARGAN, Esq., near Statesburg in County of Sumter, was BURNED, and there being reason to believe that the burning of the said building was an act of incendiarism, Now therefore, I, Hugh S. Thompson, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in order that justice may be done and the majesty of the law vindicated, do hereby offer a reward of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who committed the said act of incendiarism.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! D. J. WINN & CO'S ENTIRE WINTER STOCK AT COST FOR CASH! WE OFFER FOR SALE AT COST FOR CASH, our entire Winter Stock, consisting of CLOTHING, PIECE GOODS OF VARIOUS KINDS, suitable for Gents', Youths and Boys' Clothing.

SALE! Estate of James B. Brunson, DECEASED. BY ORDER OF THE PROBATE COURT for Sumter County, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the late residence of Jas. B. Brunson, on MARCH 20, 1883, the Personal Property of said deceased, consisting of HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c. JOHN J. BRUNSON, Administrator.

FOR SALE. THAT DESIRABLE LOT on a central square of the Town, on the corner of Dugan and Sumter Streets, on which the Bill of the Joint Stock Company was located. May be sold in whole or in lots. Apply to HAYNSWORTH & COOPER. Feb 20

PIANO FOR SALE OR RENT. APPLY AT THE Sumter Book and Variety Store. W. G. KENNEDY. Feb 13

Estate of Jack Burrows, DECEASED. ALL PERSONS holding claims against the said Estate will present the same duly attested, and all persons in any way indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment to Qualified Administrator. Feb 20

ESTATE OF Mrs. Ann Fulton McCutchen, DECEASED. I WILL APPLY TO THE JUDGE OF PROBATE for Sumter County, on the 22d day of March, 1883, for a Final Discharge as Executor of aforesaid Estate. Feb 20-4t

Estate of Mary C. McCutchen, MINOR. I WILL APPLY TO THE JUDGE OF PROBATE for Sumter County, on March 22d, 1883, for a final discharge as Guardian of aforesaid Minor. Feb 20-4t

SHERIFF'S SALES. BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY EXECUTIONS to me directed, will be sold at Sumter Court House, on the FIRST MONDAY and day following in MARCH next, 1883, with legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property: 125 acres of land, more or less, in Spring Hill Township, Sumter County, adjoining lands of J. M. Smith, C. M. Rodgers, W. J. Hancock, T. G. Corbett, and others.

Master's Sale. THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. MARY A. BARRETT, Plaintiff, against Sarah Ann David, Amanda A. Ferriter, and Harry Burkett, an infant under the age of 14 years, Defendants.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day publicly burned in front of my store, all my stock of Landreth's and Busi's Garden Seeds, left over from last year. Jan. 1, 1883. A. M. SIBLEY & CO., D. J. AULD, Wm. Yeadors, Witnesses.

BLANKS. LIENS, TITLES, MORTGAGES, BILLS OF SALE, BONDS, And Other Blanks in Variety, FOR SALE. SEED CORN. MAMMOTH CHESTER COUNTY GOURD SEED CORN.

WRIGHT'S HOTEL. COLUMBIA, S. C. THIS NEW AND ELEGANT HOUSE, with all modern improvements, is now open for the reception of guests. S. L. WRIGHT & SON, Proprietors.

RUBBER STAMPS. NAME STAMPS FOR MARKING CLOTHING with indelible ink, or for printing visiting cards, and STAMPS OF ANY KIND for stamping BUSINESS CARDS, ENVELS, OPES or anything else. SPECIMENS of various styles on hand, which will be shown with pleasure. THE LOWEST PRICES possible, and orders filled promptly. C. P. OSTEN, At the Watchman and Southerner Office.

G. E. HAYNSWORTH, Attorney at Law, Sumter, S. C. ROBBINSON'S COTTON AND CORN FERTILIZER. ROBBINSON'S COMPOUND ACID PHOSPHATE. These grades of fertilizer are the essential constituents first class articles, carefully prepared from best materials.

A. J. CHINA, DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, and Chemicals. FINE TOILET SOAPS, HAIR AND TOOTH BRUSHES, PERFUMERY AND FANCY TOILET ARTICLES, &c., &c. DYE STUFFS. GLASS, PUTTY, &c.

NORMAN'S NEUTRALIZING CORDIAL. A SURE and EFFECTUAL Remedy for the cure of all Irritations and Disorders of the Stomach and Bowels, whether in Children or Adults. It is applicable to the Stomach without producing any Pain, and it is the best and most reliable Remedy for all the following Disorders: Heartburn, Acid, Flatulency, Colic, Spasms, Stomachic Distention, Cholera, Dropsy, and all other Disorders of the Stomach and Bowels.

REST not life is sleeping by, go to sleep before you die. J. H. NORRIS, FURNITURE WARE ROOMS, 217 AND 219 KING STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C. The Cheapest Furniture House in Charleston, and a Discount of Five per cent. off on all Cash Sales.

R. S. CATHCART, CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. 318 KING STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C.

ATHORE'S MINE MEAT. English Plum Pudding, Imperial Raisins, Dehessa Raisins, Sultana Raisins, Crystallized Ginger, Preserved Canton Ginger.

C. I. HOYT & BRO., Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles, &c., &c. REPAIRING A SPECIALTY. SPORTING MATERIAL, Shells, Wads and Everything Pertaining to Breech-Loading Guns.

AT COST FOR CASH ONLY. FOR THE NEXT THIRTY OFFER AT COST MY STOCK OF DOLMANS, CLOAKS, WALKING JACKETS, DRESS GOODS, OVER COATS, MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING.

Tin and Wooden Ware, CUTLERY, GUNS, AND PISTOLS. My Stock of CHINA AND GLASS WARE Can't be surpassed and my low prices on them have already become a household saying.

ALTAMONT MOSES. GUANO! KAINIT! BEFORE BUYING FERTILIZERS CALL ON ALTAMONT MOSES. I HAVE THE AGENCY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Tansill's Punch Cigar, Starke's Dixie Plow, Insurances, etc.