

THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHERN.

TUESDAY, MAY 8.

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.

English steamship owners are taking steps toward raising capital to build another canal across the Isthmus of Suez.

Gen. Crook and his command have crossed into Mexico in pursuit of the Apaches. Mexican troops are cooperating with him.

Congressman Thompson, of Ky., has been indicted for murder in killing W. H. Davis, who debauched the wife of Thompson.

The Charlotte Journal is of opinion that before the year 1900 the North will make a determined effort to get rid of negro suffrage, because it did not pay out according to expectation.

Phil Thompson, if his wife tells the truth, killed an innocent man. The amount of vice and wickedness he disclosed by his pistol shot cannot be computed.

Iceland Stafford, the great Central Pacific magnate, is at the point of death with brain fever. He is worth \$75,000,000, but cannot buy a moment of time.

At Dublin, the grand jury returned bills against Walsh, Sheridan, and Ryan for murder; it is understood that the British government will demand their extradition from the United States.

Perhaps the fact is not generally known that our annual imports of sweets are valued at more than the usual production of gold and silver in America, and the duty collected is almost \$50,000,000. Our sugar costs more than our bread.

Mr. George T. Alford, who was for many years the proprietor of the Pavilion Hotel, Charleston, has purchased the buildings at the Northeast Corner of Sealey and King streets, and will in a short time erect and furnish a new first-class hotel.

Fifty negro emigrants from Kentucky arrived at St. Louis on Wednesday and left on the Chicago and Alton Road for Kansas. They said they were the advance guard of many more who expect to settle near Topeka, and that emigration westward of Kentucky negroes will be very heavy next fall.

Guth says old Mr. Vanderbilt is as afraid of death as Dives. He has a movement-cure doctor to agitate him daily. Guth suggests an old recipe at half the money: Wear a lizard skin bag of dried beans around the neck and rattle it at prayer time. Better still than that would it be to follow the precept of Christ and unbind before getting to the Needle's Eye.

At Troy, N. Y., on Wednesday morning the wire rope of an elevator at the Borden block fractured. While descending to raise a car an iron eye to which a cable was attached gave way, and Edward McCabe and William Scott were caught by the rope and hurled down the elevator shaft sixty feet. McCabe died shortly after the accident; Scott is dangerously injured.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is on her way home from Florida. She expresses the opinion that the South will in the next few years make rapid progress in all internal developments looking to the gradual building up of places now lying idle for want of energy and capital. A better class of immigrants will soon seek the fertile fields of the South, and it is only a question of time before it will be swarming with manufacturers and industrial pursuits equal to Manchester or Lyons.

Green hair, according to a Paris authority, is coming into fashion. Already several beauties of the first rank have been observed in the boxes at the theatres whose heads were in "youthful verdure clad," in the literal sense of the word. Unfortunately, it is no easy matter to dye the hair green. This color can only be imparted to white hair. Hair of any other color must first be dyed white.

A movement is on foot by the military for a convention to meet in Columbia in May or June to be composed of major-generals, brigadiers, colonels, lieutenant-colonels, majors and two representatives from each company of the State volunteer troops, for the purpose of considering and suggesting to the next Legislature such measures as may tend to the greater efficiency and better organization of the militia of the State. A large proportion of the officers have been heard from, who express their approval of the convention. The date of meeting will be shortly announced.

Alluding to tobacco, the Baltimore American states that although the reduction of the tax is very considerable, the consumers will hardly feel the difference. Only those who buy tobacco in lots of a pound or more will feel it at all. The difference on a quarter of a pound of tobacco is only two cents. The profits will be made by the manufacturers and the retail dealers. About fifteen million dollars of tax were removed from sugar. Logically it should be cheaper. In point of fact it is dearer. The consumer is in nearly every case the patient jacks who bears the burden.

For fifty years the figure of Mrs. Myers Clark Gaines has been a familiar one in the courts where she has fought for the recovery of her property with the greatest vigor and determination. Last Thursday she obtained another verdict against the city of New Orleans for nearly \$2,000,000; but the case is to be appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and there is little prospect that the plucky and persistent woman will ever reap the fruit of her long years' toil.

Six Algerian engineers who were consulted by M. de Lesseps on the North of Africa land sea scheme have reported that the cutting could be made within five years at a cost of \$30,000,000; that an average width of about eighty feet would be sufficient, as the current would widen the canal; that navigation would be easy owing to the straightness of the canal; that a vast region lacking only moisture to become productive would be brought under cultivation; and that the revenues would certainly afford a liberal return on the capital invested.

When Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes was feasting and drinking with his

friend Whitelaw Reid of the New York Tribune, last week, did he cast a thought toward the jail where Eliza Pinkston died—that venerable negress, who under the manipulation of Garfield and John Sherman, did so much to put him in the White House? Eliza, alas, died in jail, where she was confined for theft, but this ought only to have caused the tears of Hayes and his cronies to flow the faster? Theft is no doubt sacred in their eyes, for Rutherford himself is accomplished in that line, and his theft of the presidency will never be forgotten or forgiven as long as grass shall grow or water run. But the poor old negress, who in 1876 and 1877 was so much to the leaders of the usurpation, dies neglected in a prison for a little crime, while the man who helped to steal the greatest prize in the world—the presidency of a free people, still lives to feast and rejoice over his triumph over the verdict which mandated him to private life. It would be but meet and proper that he should drop a tear and plant a flower over Eliza Pinkston's grave.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NEGROES.

A call for a national convention of colored men has been issued by a committee of negroes fairly entitled to represent the race. Among the signers are Frederick Douglass, the Hon. Geo. W. Williams, author of the "History of the Negro Race in America," and Prof. Richard T. Greener. The Convention is to be held in September next at Washington. The basis of representation is one delegate to every 25,000 of colored population, three delegates for every State where there are not less than 10,000 negroes, and one delegate for every other State. By this plan of apportionment the Convention would consist of nearly three hundred members, of which South Carolina will have twenty-five.

Here is the interesting thing about the proposed Convention: It is intended to be an organized expression of discontent with the political and social treatment of the colored people by their fellow-citizens. The signers hold it to be "an undeniable and lamentable fact that the present condition of the race is insecure, and the future still more alarming," and they bring against the white majority five distinct and specified charges. We condense the several complaints:

1. Negro labor at the South is not fairly remunerated. The Southern negro is not protected by law in the collection of money due him.

2. In most parts of the country the negro does not have a fair show in the public schools.

3. The negro is not protected in his civil rights, notwithstanding the laws passed by Congress.

4. His political rights are ignored. Six and a half millions of people without representation in Congress.

5. The negro does not get his share of Executive protection and encouragement.

The conclusion of the signers of this call is interesting:

"According to the signs of the times the country is on the eve of a great political revolution, and it behooves us, as a race, to make our interests paramount to those of any party or sect; that it is our duty to unite and strike out some bold policy and line of action which will bring us nearer to the estate of full citizenship and power when this great revolution is over."

The N. Y. Sun, comments as follows upon the above:

No fair-minded man, black or white, will deny that if these allegations are true it is time for united action on the part of the negroes of the thirty-eight States. They form about one-eighth of the entire population of the country. Equal rights are guaranteed them by the Constitution. The laws are sufficient for the purpose. If these laws are systematically ignored or evaded, and the negroes kept out of full citizenship by a conspiracy of white office-holders, it is none too soon for an organized movement to secure just treatment. The colored people have a million and a quarter votes; that fact lies behind any protest which they may make.

It strikes us that the boldest policy and most promising line of action open at this time to the colored voters of the United States is to cut the throats which have bound them so long to the wheels of the Republican party. The Republican party has flattered the negro and bamboozled him; it has wept over him and plundered him; it has claimed him as its own and swindled him without compunction; it has made use of him and flung him aside.

Negroes in several of the States are beginning to find this out, and to set for themselves. If the Washington Convention is a representative body, sincere in its purpose and independent in its action, it can do a great deal for the race.

The New Era, an ably conducted paper published by colored men in Charleston, and which we are pleased to see presents the appearance of success, had the following in its last issue:

"What will be the outcome of this body cannot now be divined. It is very sincerely hoped, however, that there will not be the semblance or substance of attempt to place the race beyond its present needs and capacity. There is such a thing as making haste too swiftly, the *festina lente* policy being preferable sometimes. The race must not be antagonized with its true interests, so comprehensively pronounced by the Hon. Frederick Douglass in his recent Emancipation Day oration at Washington, D. C. If it be really the genius of the situation, that the race shall remain in this country, so large, varied and productive, and expect nothing from domestic or foreign colonization, then the spirit of the august assembly, which it is hoped it will be, should so effectively fix that sentiment, that he who runs may read and understand, and not be misled by *ignis fatuus*, or false prophets. Mr. Douglass' idea, that the race to become a positive quantity, in its proper ethnological sphere, should be Americanized, is so thoroughly sensible, that it commands immediate conviction. It is impossible for such men as they whom we have quoted, Prof. Greener, Mr. Fortune, of the New York Globe, and others, not to see that the annunciation

of any platitude, will not do; that there must be a clear and cool proclamation of cause and effect, bearing rational kinship to the gist of the situation, to entitle us to the decent respect of mankind. Above all things let no *brutum fulmen* spirit be manifested or tolerated for, it can only subject us to ridicule, that sharpest of weapons, or worse, contempt.

Let this Convention be very careful of what questions, upon which it shall legislate. Some are beyond the pale of *law de jure*, especially social ones. These should be very gingerly touched, and only advisedly. But this is premature, however, still, it is better that all matters likely to be discussed, should be thoughtfully canvassed beforehand, so that the delegates may take temper therefrom.

Important to Disabled Soldiers.

The following circular, which we publish in compliance with the request therein, should receive the widest possible circulation in order to protect disabled soldiers from being speculated upon in the manner indicated:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER-GENERAL, COLUMBIA S. C.

Dear Sir:—You will confer a favor on me, and do a service to many old soldiers, if you will be good enough to give notice through your paper that all claims for artificial limbs will be paid in full at the very earliest possible period, and that parties entitled to the same will receive notice from this office as soon as there are funds in the Treasury for that purpose.

The records of this being accessible to any one wishing to examine them, certain parties have obtained a list of these claims, and have been offering to purchase them from the holders at a heavy discount or to collect them on commission; thus giving the impression that they have facilities for expediting their payment. This action is absolutely without the authority or sanction of this office, and I earnestly advise holders not to part with their claims to any agent, but to deal directly with this office in their settlement. I ask that you will give this notice entirely in the interest of these poor old veterans. Respectfully,

W. E. STONEY, Comptroller-General.

The Normal Institute. The Columbia Register of the 2d instant, says: "The State Board of Examiners met in the office of the Superintendent of Education yesterday, and besides attending to the usual routine business, it was resolved to hold the white Institute at Columbia, beginning August 7 and ending August 31, and the colored Institute at Columbia, beginning July 5 and ending August 1. A resolution was also adopted providing that hereafter applicants for teachers' certificates before County Boards of Examiners shall be examined upon the theory and practice of teaching."

A Present of a Million Silk Worm Eggs.

The Columbia Register of the 5th says:

The Agricultural Department yesterday received an installment of silk worm eggs from Mr. McKittrick of Memphis, Tenn., with the announcement that a larger supply is now on the way, which when received will make a million. They are intended for distribution among those who will interest themselves in rearing the worms, with a view to excite an interest in silk culture as a department of profitable employment for ladies, invalids and young persons at the South, where the climate and food supply are admirably adapted to its successful results.

The eggs received have been transported by express and are enclosed in small pasteboard boxes of the size and form of those used by the apothecary for enclosing prescriptions in the form of powders. Each box contains about 1,000 eggs. The warmth of the past few days, during which they have been on the way, has caused many of the eggs to be hatched out, and the closeness of the package, excluding the air, has smothered many of the young worms but it will be found that sufficient eggs and worms will be obtained from each package to serve the purpose of experimentation and secure a start for a co-coonery. Those who have heretofore made application for eggs and all others desiring to experiment in silk culture will do well to communicate at once with Colonel A. P. Buller, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A reflective hunter in this State comes to the conclusion that the vital force brought into play by the killing of a wild turkey gobbler would, if properly exerted between plow handles, prepare forty-seven and a half acres of land for the cotton planter.

The old miser who died in a New York hospital the other day, and who was found to be worth \$40,000, is said to have been a printer. There are two things which militate against this theory. In the first place a printer was never known to have any money, and, secondly, whenever he had any he invariably gave it away. If the man had been an editor—but there—

An immense crowd from all portions of the county assembled at Florence Ala., on Saturday, overpowered the jailer, and hanged George Ware, who murdered Robert Bethune, a boy on Muscle Shoals canal, last week. Before hanging the prisoner confessed he murdered the boy for five dollars, five cents and a plug of tobacco, and threw the body in the river.

After robbing his victim, he threw the lad eight times into the river, but he swam back to the shore. After thus amusing himself he tried the boy, beat out his brains with a stone and again threw him in. A large crowd of workmen employed on the river improvements first visited the jail and demanded the prisoner. Owing to the delicate condition of the jailer's wife at the time, the mob was persuaded to disperse. On Saturday night the mob revisited the jail and carried the jailer's wife to another house. They took the prisoner and hung him. The negro confessed.

One Hundred Cents. Mess. Zimmerman & Johns, Druggists of Westminster, S.C., in their last order purchased only the dollar size of Norman's Neutralizing Cordial. Those who try the 25 cents size always buy the large size next, thus it is advertising its merits daily.

Mr. Editor: I take the liberty of inclosing for publication the following letter, which will speak for itself. If other Confederate Mothers felt as she does, the name of every son of Sumter will be "rescued from oblivion." Yours, &c., J. D. BLANDING, Chairman.

Dear Sir:—In response to the appeal of the Ex. Committee of Monumental Association, I enclose \$5.00, which will not only pay for the insertion of my son's name, but assist in rescuing from oblivion some other names of those not less worthy of honor, whose surviving relatives may not be able to meet the expense. Let all who can, give, be it little or much, and our heroes who died for us, will speak from the Monument, to the boys who play around it and the men who look at it, pleading to follow their noble example. Sincerely, &c., May 7, 1883.

The following letter has been handed us by Capt. Auld. It explains itself, and we commend the matter to the kind consideration of our readers. The pictures alluded to can be obtained at the store of Dr. Auld: May 7, 1883.

Dear Don: I send you, by to-day's mail, ten photographs of Prof. F. Nicholls Crouch, the author of "Kathleen Mavourneen," "Dermot Astor," &c., &c.

Crouch is an Englishman by birth and education. He was a member of the choir which sang at the coronation of Queen Victoria. He came to U. S. A. many years ago, and made his home in Philadelphia. In 1861 he joined the "Richmond Howitzers," with whom he served till 9th April, 1865. Hardships, severe service, wounds, and a total wreck of his savings, left him, at three-score years, dependent upon the labors of his hands for a support. Still he worked, and played, and wrote sweet music, and starved: Aye, starved for such as he must always starve, without relief or hindrance, the full, free fight of his genius. The educated gentleman, the composer of the sweetest melodies which ever floated from latticed window, or vined cottage, or lingers in "Shady Bower," God help the poor, wherever they may be; but God especially help the poor old Rebs, who came back broken in health, to stand by their desolate homes, and broken hearts, stones. Led God, and all of us, help them, who left "Fatherland," to do battle for us, now that they are old, and weak and poor. I know you will respond, amen!

Sell these photographs, which have also the autograph of the great musician, to the best advantage. Surely no lover of sweet music will hesitate to open wide his purse, where age and infirmity calls. Is there one who "rode with Stuart, or tramped with Robert Lee," who will not gladly give in this instance? I leave the management entirely to you. Give my love to the boys of the S. L. I.

Spasmodic convulsions are frequently caused by worms gnawing at the vitals; therefore, at the first indications of worms, Shrier's Indian Vermifuge should be administered according to directions.

A poor man in New York City was lately arrested and given six months because he had just killed a cat and proposed to eat it. There seems to be no disposition on the part of New York authorities to allow the poor any of the luxuries of the season.

Seein' is Believein'. Ran yer, boys, and mouen't denie, Dar's de Ashley and his ebidence.

A Sensitive Man. Josh Billings says he never takes any foolish chances. When he looks at a dead mile he stands in front of him. Norman's Neutralizing Cordial is neither a live or a dead mile but a real nice family horse always ready for your service. Mothers we advise you not to take any foolish risks but always keep a bottle convenient and it will save you many hours of anxiety.

Little drops of printer's ink, Little drops displayed, Make our merchants bosses, And all this big parade. Little bits of stingsiness, Discarding printer's ink, Busts a man of business, And makes his credit sink.

THE MARKETS. CHARLESTON, S. C., May 5, 1883. CORN.—Market firm. Sales about 400 bales. Quotations are: Ordinary 8 1/2@9; Good Ordinary 9 1/2; Low Middling, 10 1/2; Middling 10 1/2; Good Middling, 11.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 5, 1883. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market quoted firm at 34 cents.

ROSIN.—The market was firm at \$1.35 for Strained and \$1.40 for Good Strained. COTTON TURPENTINE.—Market steady at \$1.50 for Hard, \$2.50 per bbl., for Soft.

COTTON.—Market firm. Sales 65 bales. The following are the official quotations: Ordinary 6 1/2-16. Good Ordinary 8 3/16. Low Middling 9 1/2. Middling 10 1/2. Good Middling 10 1/2.

FOR RENT. MY STORE HOUSE, Corner of West Main and Fayette Streets, MAYESVILLE, S. C. Is suitable for a general merchandise business. Parties wishing to rent will apply to me as above. J. E. MAYES.

DISSOLUTION OF GO-PARTNERSHIP. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, heretofore doing business under the firm name of SPANX & RUSSELL, have by mutual consent, dissolved co-partnership. Dissolution to date from March 1st, 1883. All parties owing debts to said firm, will settle with J. M. SPANX. J. P. RUSSELL.

TAX RETURNS FOR 1883. RETURNS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND POLLS will be received at the following times and places, viz: Lynchburg, Thursday, June 7.

Magnolia, Friday, " 8. Mayesville, Saturday, " 9. Cooper's Mill, Monday, " 11.

Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13. Mannville, Thursday, June 14. Mechanicsville, Friday, " 15.

Gaillard's X Roads, Saturday, " 16. Johnston's Store, Monday, " 18. Player's X Roads, Tuesday, " 19.

Lewis Chapel, Wednesday, " 20. Privateer, Friday, " 22.

Zoar Church, Saturday, " 23. Stateburg, Monday, " 25. Wedgefield, Tuesday, " 26.

Sanders' Depot, Wednesday, " 27. M. Saunders' Office, Thurs, " 28. Spring Hill, Friday, " 29.

A. S. Brown's Store, Monday, July 2. At the Auditor's Office in Sumter on all other days, except the 4th July, from the 1st June to July 20th, inclusive.

The law requires that all persons owning property, or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, &c., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty, which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law. W. R. DELGAR, May 7 Auditor Sumter County.

HENRY L. B. WELLS, NOTARY PUBLIC, SUMTER, S. C.

Who Cares for Orphans?

Homeless, fatherless and needy, they are not friendless. The true and good of earth have the cause of the orphans at heart. At Clinton, South Carolina, they have bought a handsome property, have built two neat and commodious dwellings and are now finishing off a handsome three story "Orphans Seminary." Here, in the Thornwell Orphanage, forty orphans are fed, clothed and educated, and this good work has been going on for eight years past. In this beautiful country home-school they are trained in a life of freedom, innocence, and industry. Our girls, noble little women that they are, do all the cooking, washing, house-cleaning &c. Our boys are equally industrious. They are taught, too, in the things of the heavenly Kingdom and the broad realm of nature and literature. It is a noble charity to pity the fatherless, especially the deserving, and these are, indeed, deserting their support comes, day by day, as Elijah's came at Cherith. God provides it. And, you, reader may be as the siren, whom God selected to carry the daily portion. Gifts of clothing, provisions of all kind, books, &c., sent directly simply to Thornwell Orphanage. Gifts of money, send by registered letter, or check on New York, Postal order on Newberry, G. H. to Rev. Wm. P. Jacobs, President, Clinton, S. C.

Peterson's Magazine for June, already on our table, is an unusually brilliant number, even for this popular lady's book. The principal steel-plate, "Mistress Soft-Eyes," is an exquisite affair, illustrating a most charming story. The engravings of fashions are numerous and choice, all being late Paris notes, and not the patterns of second-rate American dress-makers. Now is a particularly good time to subscribe, especially for those who do not wish back numbers, a new volume beginning with the July number. With this new volume will be commenced a copyright novel, "A Fifth Avenue Romance," which the publisher predicts will be the most popular for years. The price is but two dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs, and a handsome premium to the person getting up the club. Specimens are sent, gratis, to those wishing to get up clubs. Address Peterson's Magazine, 306 Chesnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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