

TUESDAY, MAY 29.

The Watchman and Southern was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1866.

OUR PUBLIC ROADS.

There is scarcely any one who has not realized that our roads need improving...

We are glad to see that Senator Butler has determined to give the State the benefit of his intellect upon this question...

Senator Butler seems to have made up his mind to investigate the matter thoroughly, and it is to be hoped that he may be able to offer some practical advice...

I want to trouble you for some data if you can procure it.

Can you furnish me with the number of miles of highways worked and maintained by the public in this State?

Are there any public roads in South Carolina on which toll is collected from travelers?

The public road problem is a very perplexing one, very difficult to deal with, and I want to get all the available information on the subject.

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We hope not, however, as we have the race at heart. Do let us stop asking, this and that as a race and "Negroes."

PRESIDENTIAL SPECULATIONS.

Already vast speculations as to candidates for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1884 are indulged in.

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The association of ladies who have for years been pursuing the patriotic undertaking of restoring and caring for the home of George Washington were on Wednesday conveyed from this city to Mount Vernon, where they held their annual council.

The tedious Star Route trial approaches its end. Colonel Ingersoll is making the closing argument for the defense, and the case is likely to be given to the jury the first week in June.

The defendants do not attend often, but the "defense ladies," as they are called by the wives, sisters, aunts, and cousins of the accused come regularly to their reserved seats.

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To the Hon. B. C. Presley, Presiding Judge, May Term, 1883. The Grand Jury would report the bridges over DeSchamp's Mill, one at Chandler's Cross Roads, and one at Pidding Swamp, in bad order and unsafe for travel.

The attention of Superintendents of Highways is called to the following sections of the General Statutes: "Sec. 1585. The Superintendents of Highways shall cause all the roads in their respective districts to be posted and numbered, and at each fork of said roads, a pointer to be placed declaring the direction of such roads.

But I am somewhat anticipating myself and had better preserve this discussion for a subsequent communication, which I hope to make and shall make, if I am not disappointed in getting the necessary information.

Very truly yours, M. C. BUTLER.

Jersey Cattle. Upon our first page will be found the opinion of Mr. Peters, the noted stock man of Georgia, in regard to the best breeds of stock for the South...

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Letter from Bishopville. BISHOPVILLE, S. C., May 28, 1883. The Bishopville Lodge No. 104 A. F. M. has recognized under dispensation of the Grand Lodge and the following brethren were elected to serve the Lodge the remainder of the year:

Albert Rogers, W. M. J. E. Baskin, S. W. W. R. Crosswell, J. W. L. P. Hubbard, Secty. Wm. Johnson, Treas'r. D. E. Durant, Sr. Deacon. H. C. Watson, Jr. Deacon. Wiley Bradley, Stewards. McCaskel, Draper A. Dixon, Tyler.

Our town was visited last week by General Richardson and several lawyers, on business. We have Railroad on the brain, and we will have good reason to believe that Bishopville will have a Road at no distant day.

The farmers are needing rain. Small grain crops will not be as good as last year. Good stand of cotton and corn, but the general condition of crops are not as promising as at this time last year.

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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. Manchester, Saturday, " 23. Stateburg, Monday, " 25. Wedgefield, Tuesday, " 26. Sanders' Depot, Wednesday, " 27. M. Sanders' 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, Auditor Sumter County, May 7.

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