

The Watchman and Southerner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24. The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southerner in 1866.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Our Northern brethren are progressive people in more ways than one. At a religious meeting, a few days ago in Pennsylvania a prominent citizen became so angry with his wife while in church that he hit her a powerful blow on the nose that brought the blood and killed her to the floor.

We continue to note a gratifying change of heart in the New York Sun. An ex-daily rolls around its devoted admiration for President Cleveland, and it has almost recovered the position it occupied a year ago, when it ceased every article with the frantic appeal, "Turn the rascals out!"

The Chester Reporter in its last issue tells of the neat Baptist church erected in Chester, in place of the one destroyed by the cyclone which passed through that town about a year ago.

The New York World has gone to work with much energy to raise the amount that is lacking to complete the Bartholdi Pedestal.

The Salvation Army have a programme for their worship which is not entirely devoid of attractions to a carnal mind.

Barrios, President of the Republic of Guatemala, one of the poor little anarchy-loving Central American States, is setting on foot a project for invading the three sister Republics—Nicaragua, Costa Rica and San Salvador—for the purpose of consolidating all into one government.

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We see, almost every day, Southern papers endeavoring to defend themselves against charges such as the following: "That they (the Southern people) have more regard for the rebel stars and bars than for the loyal stripes and stars; and that Lee is regarded as a demi-god, and Grant as a vulgar butcher;

Davis in their eyes is a hero of heroes, and Lincoln a coarse buffoon." Now, why deny these charges? In the first place, there is a considerable modicum of truth in them, and secondly, if they were false, they would be only the more dear to a Republican paper.

We do not look upon Grant as a vulgar butcher, but there is no comparison between him and the peerless Lee in military science. As a Statesman Grant was a failure, as a financier he was a fraud.

Last May the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Honor met in Chicago, and as usual, elected officers for the ensuing year. The Supreme Treasurer was not re-elected, but he thought he ought to have been, and consequently refused to give up the money then in his hands—about \$150,000—pretending that the election at Chicago was illegal, and that he would ask a law suit, and endanger his surmises if he turned over the money to the Treasurer elected at the Chicago meeting.

The case went into the courts and dragged along for months, Beckenkedge seemingly very anxious for a receiver to be appointed, but always opposing any action when it came up for decision. The State Courts seemed to admire the ex-Treasurer's rascally methods, and was desirous of reinstating them as much as possible, and had it not been for the energetic action of the attorneys for the K. of H. in having the case transferred to the U. S. Court, Beckenkedge and his confederated thieves would still be fattening on the money that properly belongs to the widows and orphans.

The farmers must not forget their meeting the 2nd Saturday in April. Every one will be up to his eyes in work and the loss of a day may seem to some a big price to pay for this meeting, but it isn't. Throw away work for that day and come to Sumter resolved to give the Farmers' Association such a rousing send-off that it will not stop its onward and upward movement until a full and complete measure of success is attained.

They can do it; we believe they will do it; and if the weather bureau will but design to smile upon Sumter that day, we expect to see five hundred farmers together in consultation.

Our correspondent at Bishopville writes of an evil which needs correction. We refer to the persistent violation of the laws passed for the protection of the fish supply of the State.

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It is a matter that not only concerns the people who live along the streams, but every person who wishes to enjoy the luxury of fresh shad in the Spring, and we should be glad to know that condign punishment was inflicted for those violations.

PLANTING CORN.

We publish the following letter from Gen. Hagood to the Barnwell People, as it doubtless contains suggestions of value to farmers.

Dear Homes: The late David Dickson, of Georgia, whose disposition of his property is now the subject of current comment in your and other papers was an eminently successful Southern agriculturist, and his method of making corn on the thin pine lands of the South could be impressed upon the people here.

His plan summarized was deep preparation, not less than 21 square feet to the hill, and rapid shallow cultivation, with early laying by. Impressed with his views expressed in the Southern Cultivator I adopted them many years ago, and have never been scarce of corn since.

Land flushed with turning plough, showing yellow subsoil pretty freely—Laid-off in 7 foot rows with wide planting furrow going down to subsoil. 20th March dropped 2 grains every 3 feet and covered with hoe, two inches top soil on grain.

One month afterward thinned to one stalk with paddle and nearly filled furrow by drawing into it adjacent top soil with hoe—two acres a day's task.

One week later sided with scoter and ploughed out with turning plow, not quite so deep as flushed. In siding furrow put 200 pounds cotton seed meal per acre. Ten days afterwards ran round corn then two furrows sweep, leaving all flat.

One or two days after laid by with first two furrows sweep around corn then two furrows same around peas. Corn here and there showing a tassel, all pretty well bunched to tassel. No grass visible till a month after laying by, then dense growth of crow foot. Yield, 21 bushels per acre, two and three large ears to stalk. Peas also good. Seasons good."

A Big Blaze in Anderson. A fire occurred in Anderson, S. C., which burned up six stores. Considerable delay seems to have been experienced in getting the steamer in operation, during which the flames had so far progressed as to render hard work necessary by the firemen in confining the fire within the block.

At 2:30 o'clock on the morning of March 18, fire broke out in James' Bank block, a five-story building, at the corner of Whitehall and Alabama streets, Atlanta, Ga.

Attention Farmers.

MAYESVILLE, S. C., March 21, 1885. Mr. Editor: As the time for the meeting of the Sumter Agricultural Association draws near, I thought a word concerning it of your section of the county might be of interest to your readers generally, and, at the same time, serve as a stimulus to sections which take it for granted all the farmers will go and participate in the meeting; and yet have made no positive exertion to impress upon the people the great importance of becoming members of the Association, and the incalculable benefits which are to be derived from such an Association—when taken hold of, and properly managed.

Long trains of vehicles, representing all classes of wealth, are to be seen hauling guano. This makes one think of army trains. Mr. J. W. Budd, long a turpentine king, has retired from the business—we presume with a large fortune for his old days.

Mr. Editor: I recently noticed a party (I have forgotten his name), writing and advocating the attendance of the ladies and children at the next meeting of the Farmers' Association.

Some farmers have planned corn, while quite a number have been and are still afraid to plant. I doubt if the oldest person in the county recollects such a remarkable Spring.

Mr. Editor, I also saw something that Mr. Dew had said concerning Poor Farmer, but I will let him pass, for I think he has a very appropriate name.

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Having seen in the Watchman and Southerner, (on my return home), my name placed in nomination for Intendant of the Town of Sumter, I return thanks to my friends for the honor conferred but respectfully decline the nomination, as my business engagements will not allow proper attention to the duties of the office, were I elected.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of your Company at Music Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd inst., at 8 P. M., for Annual Election of Officers.

With his approved apparatus he can accurately fit glasses to eyes affected with Presbyopia, Hyperopia, Strabismus, (cross-eyes), Myopia, (near-sight), or, indeed, any defect of vision, except blindness.

Smithville Items.

SMITHVILLE, S. C., March 18, 1885. While the snow is falling so gently this morning and the trees look like a bride in their snowy whiteness, I will pen you a few dots. Upon measurement I find it a depth of two inches upon a flat surface, so that must be the average depth of the fall.

Mr. Editor: This is right time to excite our curiosity so when we can't gratify it. When will we learn all about them by seeing Mr. Bartlett, in the National Bank, counting out money to the fortunate ones? He might think though we were going to break through and rob him. Andrew Jackson, \$10,000, when I don't wish I had him in my pocket? I would love him so that I would keep him warm a long time before sending him out in the cold.

Monday was a clear day, and the eclipse of the sun was plainly seen. I doubt if many people about here knew what was going on over old "Sol."

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Watches and Jewelry Repaired with neatness and despatch.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF SUMTER.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Total. Assets include Loans and discounts, U.S. Bonds, Due from other National Banks, Real estate, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

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McLOY, RICE & CO. sell goods on a closer margin of profit than any other house in the Southern country.

THE HOTEL WINDSOR, 211 KING STREET. Four Doors South Academy of Music. CHARLESTON, S. C.

THIS well appointed Hotel was opened for the reception of Guests, March 1st, 1885, by G. T. ALFORD, recently proprietor of the "New Brighton Hotel" Sullivan's Island.

GEO. L. G. COOK, PHOTOGRAPHER, 231 KING STREET, Charleston, S. C.

ESTATE OF JAMES B. BRUNSON, DECEASED. I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on the 4th of 25th inst., for a final discharge as Administrator of the aforesaid Estate.

ESTATE OF THOS. J. DUBOSE, M.D., DECEASED. WE WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on Saturday, April 18th, 1885, for a final discharge as Executors of aforesaid Estate.

1885. SPRING. 1885.

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IN WASH GOODS, we have Lawns, Muslins, Toile Du Nord, Seersuckers and Gingham, from 5 cents per yard up. Largest line of White Goods of every description, ever shown.

MADAM DEAN'S SPINAL SUPPORTING CORSETS. PRICES AS FOLLOWS: Ladies', with shoulder brace, made of fine Contil, double stitched, \$3.00; Ladies', without shoulder brace, 1.50; Young Ladies', with shoulder brace, 2.00; Misses', 10 to 14 years, 1.50.

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT, and the prices will be found cheaper than ever. ALL SHOES WARRANTED TO GIVE SATISFACTION.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT needs no mention, as the prices and goods speak for themselves.

MASTER'S SALE. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY. IN THE COMMON PLEAS. Evans & Von Glahn, Plaintiff's, against S. C. Kilpatrick and others, Defendants.

MASTER'S SALE. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY. IN THE COMMON PLEAS. John R. London, Plaintiff, against Reuben J. Welch, Jr., and others, Defendants.

SHERIFF'S SALES. BY virtue of a writ of execution, to me directed, will be sold at Sumter, S. C., on the first MONDAY and day following in APRIL next, 1885, and as many days thereafter as may be necessary, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property: