The Watchman and Southron.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30.

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

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Western States, especially Ohio, Missouri and Kansas, have had some lively experiences lately with windstorms. A number of lives were lost in the Kansas storm, while the destruction of property was immense,

Cluverius who was found guilty, in Richmond, Va., of murdering Miss Lillian Madison and sentenced to be hung in November, has, through his counsel, brought forward some new evidence to establish an alibi. We are inclined to think Cluverius guilty.

Buddenseik the New York contractor whom we mentioned as being on trial in New York, some weeks ago, for manslaughter,—some of his shoddy buildings having fallen and killed several workmen—was found guilty and has been sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing. We most heartily approve both verdict and sentence.

In England the Conservatives have made up a Cabinet at last, much to the delight of the Queen, who hates a Liberal most devoutly. Salisbury is at the head, but his bed will not be all of roses, and he will doubtless wish that Gladstone was back in power before two months.

N. G. G., the Columbia correspondent of the *News and Courier* criticised the sanitary condition of Lancaster in a recent letter to his paper, and the *Ledger* retorts by a sharp criticism upon N. G. G., and denies his charges. The paper says that a barrel of molasses fell from a wagon the day before and burst, and this was the cause of the bad smell of which the correspondent complained.

The Augusta and Atlanta papers are in luck. Between Base Ball and Rev. Sam Jones they can fill their columns to overflowing each morning—base ball, however, taking the lead. Augusta, which some days ago was in the low grounds of despair because her nine were playing second fiddle to the Atlantas, is now radiant with delight because of recent successes, and the *Chronicle* rises to say to the other members of the league [illegible] help Augusta to thrash Atlanta, that she will soon be second fiddle no longer.

We mentioned last week that rumors of cruelty to convicts working on the Savannah Valley road, had reached Columbia. The Superintendent, Col. Lipscomb and the Penitentiary Surgeon, Dr. Pope, immediately repaired to the convict camp and made an investigation of the charges. They have returned and submitted a report to the Governor, who declines for the present to make it public, but will do so at an early day. It is supposed that the rumors have been sustained, and the Governor wishes to make arrangements for providing a suitable remedy before making it known.

The New York *World* seems much pleased that the Conservatives have been able after two week's suspense, to form a Cabinet. It is strange that a paper like the *World* which claims to be Democratic in its principles, as it really is in politics should show so much spite towards Gladstone while complimenting the Tory crowd. Salisbury is the most conspicuous leader of the "Divine right" party. His principles, his life, his habits are all at variance with the idea that the people have any rights which rulers should respect, and for the sake of popular liberty, we trust that the coming elections will bury him and his party past resurrection.

Mr. Kelley of Virginia who was appointed Minister to Italy, but who was objectionable to King Humbert because of some bitter speeches made by Mr Kelley against Victor Emanuel, King Humbert's father, while engaged in the unification of Italy, and hence was transferred to Austria, is still in trouble. Austria is not willing to accept what Italy rejects and poor Kelley will have to come home, where he can have the chance of making more silly speeches, and as Mr Bayard can find no place for him to knock the door of some other government for admission, all of which goes to show that Mr. Bayard has very little influence with his chief, and that the latter has very little [illegible] in the government [illegible]

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[illegible] pressing, in public, my opinion of your excellence, studiousness and worth. It is with a full knowledge of the facts that I say that never in its palmiest days did the College send forth men of greater promise and character than those composing the graduating class of to-day. Out of twenty graduates seven receive honors and eleven are distinguished by proficiency. This is a higher proportion of merit than has ever been recorded of any class graduating from this College. Your future, gentlemen, is foreshadowed by your past. Only continue in your devotion to duty and principle and you will receive in the outer world rewards equal to those you have earned within these narrower limits. Assuring you of the kindly spirit, good will and good wishes of the faculty, I bid you adieu.'

THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The farmers have been too busy during the last two months to spend any time upon this organization. Yet it is well for them to keep it in mind, and plan for its future usefulness.

The Association is scarcely upon its feet, and has been handicapped in various ways but still it has done good to the County, and its field of usefulness in the future is almost limitless. The article in another column upon Agricultural Organizations is most pertinent, and we commend it to the careful perusal of our readers. We can add but little to its plea for the necessity of organization, and can merely repeat over and again the same arguments already used.

The magnitude of the farming interest in Sumter County overshadows all other industries. By it we must prosper if prosperity ever visits our abodes. As are the farmers so must the County be, and when they fail we all must suffer. We look to the brave sons of toil for our temporal salvation. Is it any wonder then that this organization of Sumter farmers should be watched with interest by the entire County?

DELEGATES TO THE SUMMER MEETING.

We published last week a circular letter from Mr. Thos. W. Holloway, notifying each county that arrangements had been perfected for free transportation of three delegates from each county Agricultural Society to the Summer meeting of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society and the State Grange, to be held in Bennettsville, August 5th.

It has been suggested to us, that a meeting of representatives from the various agricultural organizations in the county be held here next Monday, after the sales are concluded, and that arrangements then be made for selecting these delegates—this plan, by the way, is suggested by Mr. Holloway in his circular letter.

We regret not having brought this matter before our readers last week, as they would have had more time to arrange therefor, but better late than never.

P. S. Since the above was written the Executive Committee of the Sumter Agricultural Association has selected three gentleman to represent that organization. We learn that the S. P. & A. Association have likewise appointed three delegates; and there is a probability that the Grange will also appoint delegates, and hence the greater necessity for the compromise meeting next Monday.

JOURNALISTIC WAR.

"We were sorry to see the recent bitter attack of the Columbia correspondent of the *News and Courier* upon the *Columbia Register*. The *Register*, as well as the *News and Courier*, has a field of usefulness, and it is of no use for the *News and Courier* to try to crush the life out of the *Register* by any vain attempt to put its heel upon the paper published at the capital."—*Abbeville Press and Banner*.

We heartily agree with the *Press and Banner*. Columbia needs a paper of her own, and it seems to us that the business men of Columbia would see that the *Register* gets the necessary support and encouragement it deserves.

It has ever been a fearless advocate of Democracy, and has ably carried the principles of well tried good and faithful service."

A QUESTION.

"Now what [illegible] Carolina, Georgia, [illegible] Virginia, South Carolina [illegible] [illegible] Democratic [illegible] [illegible] Democratic [illegible] [illegible] Democratic