

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1869 and the True Southern in 1890. 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.

FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

We call attention to the questions asked by H. R. Thomas, president of the farmers' organization, and which are published elsewhere.

We believe in an outspoken declaration of principles on the part of legislative candidates, and think that such a course would result in giving the people the officials they desire.

Meet together and talk over your surroundings, farmers, and find out what you really need, and then ask your candidates to give their views, and vote for the man who most nearly voices your sentiments, provided he is fit and capable.

But be sure of the fitness and capacity. Friendship for a cause is worthless unless there is an ability to make that friendship available, and so voters should choose not only a friend, but a capable friend.

NO ONE IS DISFRANCHISED.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Mr. Thomas on the somewhat hackneyed subject of the clerkship appointment, and the resulting contest in the County Convention. It is needless to say that we differ widely from our friend in his opinions and publish his letter merely that both sides may be heard.

We take this occasion to say that Col. Dargan was not attacked in the mass meeting alluded to. His friends in Sumter (and he has warm friends here) attended the meeting in numbers and voted for the resolutions exonerating the appointee from what they knew to be unjust charges. It was not a moot question as to whether the newly appointed clerk was "unfit for any office of honor or trust," because the people, or at least a majority of those who composed that mass meeting, knew of their own personal knowledge that he was fit, and they met in mass meeting and said so. But in doing this, they scrupulously avoided making any attack upon Col. Dargan, being satisfied that he was honest in his actions.

The charge that the citizens represented by those voting for Col. Dargan for president of the Convention were disfranchised by the action of the majority, is of no force whatever. The same might be said by the minority in any deliberative assembly. The majority most certainly should rule, especially so substantial an one as was found in our County Convention.

The action of the County Convention disfranchised no one. It was not a contest of towns against country, or professional against farmers. The majority of the members of that Convention, both from town and country, preferred Col. Earle for their presiding officer, not because Col. Dargan was his opponent for the same result would have happened had any one else been nominated in opposition but simply because they wanted Col. Earle. And we will add just here, that the farmers of Sumter County have ever been Col. Earle's strongest friends. Mr. Thomas himself having supported him in the past.

In conclusion we most earnestly protest against the attempt to inject bitterness in the political contest now waging. The fact that A gets more votes than B is no proof that A is a ring politician and B a saint; it may mean the contrary—and B's friends should not allow themselves in the soreness of defeat to think all the world rascals but themselves.

HAS THERE BEEN ILL-TREATMENT?

We reproduce a timely article from the News and Courier on the ill-treatment of convicts.

There has been much comment pro and con, on this subject the past few years, and we hope it will continue until this abuse of convicts be rigidly punished. To let the matter go as it has in the past without a strict investigation would be cowardly in our officials.

For once and for all, let it be distinctly understood that the man who murders a convict either outright or by slow methods, will be punished; and this disgraceful condition of affairs will be checked.

In the case of the three convicts referred to by the News and Courier, the Courts sentenced them to a definite period of imprisonment at hard labor. The State through its agents takes the helpless wretches and by cruel treatment and hard work utterly wrecks their constitutions and then turns them loose to starve. That's all there is in it; and the law officers of the State should see that this thing is stopped.

exhaustion," and the third is "completely broken down in health." Further confinement, it is stated, would have resulted in the death of two of the men, neither of whom has been employed in the phosphate mines over thirteen months. This is a short period whereon to bring along, able-bodied men to the verge of the grave, even by hard labor, and the question to be answered now is simply whether these convicts, and perhaps others of their companions, have been cruelly overworked?

The lives and rights of these unhappy and helpless people cannot be too strictly guarded, under the doubtful system of leasing them out to contractors, and no violation of the laws of the State or of humanity in respect of their treatment can safely be allowed to pass unchallenged.

We sincerely hope that the lessee of the phosphate mines will be able to prove that they have not ill-treated any of the prisoners under their control, but under the circumstances that proof should be promptly given to the public.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES.

The Executive Committee of Edgefield has formulated a set of questions for the Legislative candidates, which will tax their ingenuity to the utmost to answer satisfactorily to all.

We think the plan a good one, however, and one that would, if generally adopted, enable the voters to cast their ballots for men who would be in sympathy with the feelings of their constituents.

The following are the questions referred to: 1st. Are you in favor of a Constitutional Convention?

2nd. Are you in favor of a separate Agricultural College?

3rd. Are you in favor of farmers taking control of the Department of Agriculture and electing the Commissioner of Agriculture?

4th. Are not the people of our County in need of a change or reformation in the Public School Management?

5th. Are you in favor of Free Tuition at the South Carolina College?

6th. Are you in favor of the continuation of the Citadel Academy on present basis?

7th. Are you in favor of continuing the work on the State House under the present plan of completion?

8th. Are you in favor of an appropriation to continue the work on the Columbia Canal?

The Sumter Convention.

The Sumter convention, at one time, was in danger of witnessing a hand-to-hand fight between the supporters of two very popular candidates. But a fight was averted. It appears that Col. Dargan was the leader of the extreme "Tillman faction," and Col. Earle the leader of the "Conservative" element in the convention, and the tug of war came when these gentlemen were nominated to preside at the meeting.—Berkeley Gazette.

All wrong brother. There was danger of the Convention witnessing a fight at no time during its session. We were present the entire time and did not see any indication of belligerence on the part of the delegates. Those who occupied the floor were very much in earnest, but that was all.

The Gazette says: "Col. Dargan was the leader in the extreme Tillman faction." Col. Dargan was not and is not a leader in the Tillman faction. The question of Tillman or anti-Tillman was not sprung at all, and Col. Dargan was a candidate for the Presidency on a principle entirely foreign to agriculture.

Recollections of Potter's Raid.

Their ride was now continued down the street (Brooks) which they found deserted and in silence.

The blinds of all the houses were closed and one would have supposed from the absence of all life, that all the inhabitants had left the town. When they reached the public square they met the remainder of the party which had been divided for a short time, and one or two negroes, who were listless and unconcerned. From these they could learn nothing of special interest, they had neither seen or heard of any army coming. The stores of the "Tax in Kind" were in full view with piles of cotton belonging to Moses Levi and other parties.

They continued their ride further on and looked well down the road from Ox Swamp. Nothing was to be seen. There were no indications of any approaching foe and even then doubts were expressed, that there was any Federal army coming. The day was now well advanced. They were tired and fatigued. Their horses too were jaded and their whickerings reminded them of the necessity of their being watered and fed.

Upon inquiry and meeting old Mr. Ezekiel Dixon unexpectedly they found that this could be done without much delay, so their bits were slipped and they allowed to rest. In the meantime very explicit orders were given to the colored boys Jack belonging to Y. N. Butler to be on the look out. To watch the horses not to leave them, and at the first indications of anything unusual down the road to bring both horses to W. J. Norris'. With these very cautious instructions C. H. Jones and W. A. Brunson proposed now to meet their promised engagement there. They were welcomed, and reported to their hosts their directions as to their horses, for she had proposed to have them fed. They were not detained many minutes when they were invited to the table. There was spread before them all they could have desired.

The coffee was superb especially to such wearied men, and men who had not tasted coffee for years. They lingered over their cups, and C. H. Jones was in the act of reaching his emptied cup for another when they were startled by the sound of carbines, and the charging of the advanced guard of Potter's army. Miss H. McLeod too came calling. "The Yankees are in the street." "The Yankees are in the street."

It was the work of a moment for them to throw their chairs aside, grasp their guns, dash through the passage and down the steps. C. H. Jones in the lead with a peculiar chuckling laugh, make his entrance to the street with W.

Mr. H. R. Thomas Defends Himself.

WEDNESDAY, S. C., Aug. 12, 1896.

Mr. Editor: I beg you and your readers to be the jury while I submit a case to you. One of your correspondents, "Dew," says my actions in the last Sumter Convention were "claptrap and humbuggery." Now, I reckon on "Dew" is honest in what he says. I am equally honest in believing "Dew" is altogether wrong and I am right.

One of the greatest empires known to the world was the Roman empire, and one of the grandest distinctions in that grand empire was to be a Roman citizen. A citizen outranked an officer in the army. In the 22d Chapter of Acts is an account of the angry, howling mob of Jews, crying out for the blood of Paul. The Chief Captain commanded that Paul should be bound and scourged, but Paul threw consternation and fear into the angry crowd when he inquired of the Centurion, "Is it lawful to scourge a Roman citizen without a hearing?" The Centurion rushed to the Chief Captain saying, "Take heed what thou doest for this man is a Roman citizen." The Chief Captain was afraid and loosed his bonds and gave him his liberty. That's what it was to be a Roman citizen when Rome was in the zenith of her power and glory. But there came a time when the politician overshadowed the citizen, then began the decline of the Roman empire. Rienzi was the last of the Tribunes and when Rome was torn by political factions and her citizens were disgraced to the condition of slaves, hounding and trampling upon each other at the bidding of their political masters, Rienzi addressed the citizens and endeavored to stir them up to a greater regard for their rights of citizenship. I beg to quote a part of the address with a few changes:

We are slaves! Slaves to a horde of petty tyrants, wire-pulling politicians, who in holding the reins of office; Strong in some hundred spoilsmen; only great in holding that contaminating care, an office.

Each hour, dark fraud, Concocted tricks, or open oppression, wards him he reached his hand to catch the bridle and to secure the horse. A few inches nearer and the horse would have been his own. The halt was but for a moment, the horse halted and was off and gone, and W. A. Brunson was left afoam about the surging yankies. His danger was imminent; one Federal trooper was near upon him. Halting, he eyed his comrades and turning, beckoned to his closely to come on, who in rage and madness galloped up. W. A. Brunson's only chance for life was to dash into the house where stood the ladies, whose sumptuous fare he had just enjoyed. They clasped their hands and appealing to him in agonizing tones begged him to fly, "Run Mr. Brunson," "Run Mr. Brunson," "Do run." This was his only chance and through the house he scampered with all his speed. Down through the yard he fled. Scaling fences, pig sties, running over geese and dogs, he gained a clump of tall bushes which grew in abundance. Here he crouched and banded to catch his breath.

He was there alone as he supposed, but soon two men passed very near. He never knew who they were. He now continued his flight, but had not gone far, before he came upon another. This one promptly drew his pistol and ordered him to halt at once, or he'd blow his brains out, and was the Sheriff of Clarendon Co. D. J. Bradham. Of course they became friends at once, and waiting while they crossed the road and made their way into Black's River Swamp. There they met an old man and his negro. They were on the edge of the swamp, and could distinctly hear the shouts as regiment after regiment would arrive in town.

The old man could endure it no longer. He must know what all this meant and sent his negro to see and of course report to him what was going on. It is to be presumed he saw it all, but he never returned to report. They thought it then prudent to retire. But it was only to retire into the deeper bog and shade of this dismal swamp. Into it they plunged, crossing it near where the Yankees were repairing the burned bridges. They crossed the road on the other side. Then they found a hollow in the swamp and built a fire and slept under the stars. The next night W. A. Brunson stumbled upon a camping party in the deep recesses of the swamp. Dr. J. I. Ingram, Dr. Huggins and others. He spent another night by the side of Dr. Huggins under a short leaf pine out in an old field. He then worked his way back to Florence.

Now is the Accepted Time.

There can be no better time than the present to put in practice our theory of calling the fittest men to fill places of public trust. No bugaboo of opposition from Radicals or others outside the Democratic party can be raised by the designing demagogue to frighten the sensitive voter. The selection can be made by the people themselves, through the primaries, of the most capable men, without regard to the adventitious circumstances of present incumbency, local popularity, cleverness at management or availability, all which elements must necessarily control when an organized opposition by an adverse party has to be met.

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ductive of water. A few doses of Shriver's Indian Vermifuge will destroy them and give a bright and healthy complexion.

What is more disagreeable to a lady than to know that her hair has not only lost its color, but is full of dandruff? Yet such was the case with mine until I used Parker's Hair Balsam. My hair is now black and perfectly clean and glossy.—Mrs. E. Sweeney, Chicago.

A CARD.

The undersigned accepts the nomination for a candidacy in the Senatorial race, with many thanks to the kind offers of support from his friends. He enters the race squarely on his record as a Democrat and a citizen, and if elected will serve all the people to the best of his ability. D. E. KEELS.

Estate of Rich'd M. Cain, Dec'd.

ALL PERSONS holding claims against the estate of Rich'd M. Cain, late of Sumter County, S. C., deceased, are hereby notified to present same duly attested, and such persons as are indebted to said estate, will make payment to WM. O. CAIN, Qualified Administrator.

Estate of Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS holding claims against the estate of Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, late of Sumter County, S. C., deceased, are hereby notified to present same duly attested, and such persons as are indebted to said estate, will make immediate payment to either: ROBT. THREAS S. GOSBY, J. HARVEY WILSON, Qualified Executors, Mayesville, S. C. Aug. 17, 1886.

The State of South Carolina COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By T. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. WHEREAS, MRS. SARAH J. FRIERSON, Widow, made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of DECEASED, ADOLPHUS H. FRIERSON, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all singular and the kindred and creditors of the said ADOLPHUS H. FRIERSON, late of Sumter County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H. on Sept. 3rd, 1886, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why they should be appointed Administrator of the said estate. Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand, this 17th day of August, Anno Domini, 1886. T. V. WALSH, [L. S.] Aug. 17, 1886. Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

CO-PARTNERSHIP for the practice of Law has this day been formed between the undersigned, under the firm name and style of EARLE & PURDY. Careful attention will be given to all business entrusted to our care, either in the State Courts or in the United States Courts. Collections promptly made. JOSEPH H. EARLE, ROBERT O. PURDY. Aug. 10-1m

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NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED INFORMS HIS patrons and the public that he will be absent from his office during the present week. G. W. C. DICK, D. D. S. Aug. 10.

THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE, AND THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON, For One Year at \$2.50.

THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE is the largest weekly newspaper in this State. It is a twelve page (eighty-four column) paper. It contains all the important news of the world, and is filled with interesting and instructive reading to the farmer, mechanic, business and professional man. Its Washington, Atlanta, and Columbia Letters, with its full Telegraphic service, make it one of the most readable and one of the best newspapers in the South. The Augusta Chronicle can be read in any Household. It is free from sensationalism.

J. B. KILLOUGH,

Manager of Ludden & Bates' Southern House has opened an office in Sumter. Leave your orders for Musical Instruments and Musical Merchandise. You will find in stock Domestic, White and New Home Machines, Oil and Needles for all Machines. J. CHESTNUT REVILL, August 3 Manager.

A FINE FLORIDA TONIC!

Mr. FOSTER S. CHAPMAN, One of the landmarks of the Georgia Drug trade, now of Orlando, Florida, writes: "I can hardly select a single case of the many others to whom I have GUINNESS' PIONEER BLOOD REGENERATOR, but what has been satisfied, and I find it the best remedy for all Skin Diseases I have ever sold, and a Fine Florida Tonic." FOSTER S. CHAPMAN, Orlando, Fla.

CLUB MEETINGS.

The Democratic Executive Committee has arranged for Campaign Club Meetings as follows: BISHOPVILLE, CARTER'S CROSSING AND HAMPTON will meet at Bishopville on Thursday, August 26th, at 11 o'clock A. M. RATTING CREEK, SPRING HILL, GAILLARD'S X ROADS, PROVIDENCE AND SWIMMING PENS will meet at Gaillard's Cross Roads on Saturday, August 28th, at 11 o'clock A. M. LYNNBURGH TOWNSHIP, MAGNOLIA, SHILOH, Mt. CLIO, MAYESVILLE AND LYNNBURGH PRECINCTS will meet at Magnolia on Thursday, September 2d, at 11 o'clock A. M. WEDGEFIELD, STATEBURG, PRIVATEER AND MANCHESTER will meet at Wedgefield, Saturday, September 4th, at 11 o'clock A. M. CONCORD, ZOAR AND SUMTER will meet at Sumter on Monday, September 6th, at 11 o'clock A. M. R. D. LEE, Chairman. Aug. 14-2m

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WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE, STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Wesleyan Female Institute, Staunton, Virginia, opens September 22nd, 1886. It is a first-class school, with the best of teachers, and a liberal course of instruction. It is a non-sectarian school, and is open to all who are desirous of acquiring a liberal education. Terms, course of study, etc., see Catalogue, which may be had by sending for it to the President, Dr. W. A. HARRIS, D. D., President. June 28, 1886.

NOMINATIONS.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. JOSEPH E. WILSON, of Lynchburg, is hereby announced as a candidate for the Legislature. He is a practical business man, and his nomination would give satisfaction to many voters. MANY VOTERS.

Mr. Editor: In behalf of the Young Democracy of Sumter County, we desire to place in nomination for the House of Representatives a young man who possesses all the elements which constitute a true man; a man of judgment, a man of principle, a man who has a fire business record, a man who is a successful farmer and a successful business man. Mr. ALMONT MOSES as a most suitable candidate for the House. Mr. Moses is too well and favorably known to our people to require an introduction from us. We therefore, present him to the voters of this County as a thoroughly representative man in every respect. MANY VOTERS.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF W. O. CAIN, would bring him before the voters of Sumter County on one united vote to represent them in the Legislature. Mr. Cain is a firm and working Democrat, a live and practical farmer and a business man. He will make a capable and faithful representative. The friends of Mr. ARTHUR K. SANDERS, respectfully announce him as a suitable candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic Primary election. A young man of energy and ability, reared and educated in the new regime, he is well qualified to voice the sentiment and meet the emergencies of the times. RAFTING CREEK.

Mr. Editor: We hereby announce the name of Mr. JUNIUS A. RHAME, as a candidate for the House of Representatives. Col. Rhame has always been a staunch democrat, and has never been found wanting, when his County needed his help in times of political trouble. A man of decided opinions, and with independence to back them, he is the man for the place. MANY FRIENDS.

The friends of Mr. HENRY G. SHAW recognizing his ability and service to the Democratic Party, announce him as a Candidate for the House of Representatives at the ensuing Primary. MANY VOTERS.

The many friends of Mr. E. M. COOPER, respectfully present him to the people of Sumter County for re-election. As a member of the last House, he was attentive to his work, faithful to his trust, just and conscientious in the discharge of every duty. His past record is a guarantee that his future service will be faithfully performed. It is such men we need. It is such men we want. Mr. Editor: We hereby put in nomination subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, the name of Mr. H. F. WILSON, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner. Mr. Wilson is a man of ability and energy, and is well qualified to continue in this important office. This nomination is made without Mr. Haynsworth's knowledge. DEMOCRATS.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Mr. Editor: As the Democrats of Sumter County, will designate by their ballots at the Primary Election, September 11, 1886, their choice, as to who shall receive the appointment of County Treasurer. We respectfully announce the name of ROBT. E. MULBROW, as worthy of their hearty support, and equally qualified for the office. MANY FRIENDS.

From the history of the past it has been proven that it is wise, when a good and capable man has been placed in an office to keep him there until a better man is found. We believe that W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, the present County Treasurer, has proven himself both good and capable, and we feel that this sentiment is shared by a majority of the voters of Sumter County. We therefore take pleasure in presenting his name to the voters of the County as a thoroughly qualified to continue in this important office. This nomination is made without Mr. Haynsworth's knowledge. DEMOCRATS.

FOR PROBATE JUDGE.

Mr. Editor: You will please present to the voters of Sumter County, the name of Mr. L. J. JENNINGS, as a candidate for the office of Probate Judge at the ensuing election, and oblige his many friends.

Mr. Editor: Allow us to nominate for the office of Probate Judge of Sumter County, the name of Mr. J. H. GALLAGHER, an excellent Election, our present, well-qualified and acceptable Probate Judge. COL. T. V. WALSH. He is deeply grateful for the past support of the Democrats of Sumter County, and will duly appreciate their continued suffrages in his behalf. FRIENDS.

THE SUMTER INSTITUTE.

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