

Wednesday, October 31.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southerner in 1866.

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.

FOR PRESIDENT, GROVER CLEVELAND, OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT, ALLEN G. THURMAN, OF OHIO.

STATE TICKET.

For Governor, JOHN PETER RICHARDSON, Of Clarendon.

For Lieutenant Governor, W. L. MAULDIN, Of Greenville.

For Secretary of State, J. Q. MARSHALL, Of Richland.

For Treasurer, L. S. BARBERG, Of Barnwell.

For Comptroller General, J. S. VERNER, Of Oconee.

For Attorney General, JOSEPH H. EARLE, Of Sumter.

For Adjutant and Inspector General, N. L. BONHAM, Of Abbeville.

For Superintendent of Education, J. H. RICE, Of Abbeville.

COUNTY TICKET.

Legislature. H. FRANK WILSON, ARTHUR K. SANDERS, ALTA MONT MOSES, HENRY G. SHAW.

Judge of Probate. T. V. WALSH.

Auditor. N. R. DELGAR.

Treasurer. P. P. GAILLARD.

Clerk of Court. JAS. D. GRAHAM.

County Commissioners. R. D. MCGUIRE, JOHN L. BROGDON, JOHN K. BROWN.

School Commissioner. JOHN T. GREEN.

Shirley. E. SCOTT GANSON.

Coverer. A. G. WARREN.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Eastover grand Democratic rally was rather what Mr. Mantalini termed "a dem moist unpleasant" affair. As everybody knows, Saturday was not a fine day, and that fact told greatly on the attendance.

The fever in Florida while developing the fact that the teachings of the Nazarene as to who is our neighbor, have taken deep root in the hearts of men, has brought out also the unpleasant fact that men will quarrel over money even at a time when the grim and great reaper is putting in his keen sickle among the flowers as well as the bearded grain.

The New Yorkers are revelling in new operas. Gilbert and Sullivan (the musician, not the mauler,) have produced another play, a joint production, which is not a success, while Coquelin a French low comedian has lifted the Gothamites out of their hose and half-hose by his acting in a series of French plays that are "naughty, but oh! so nice."

Lord Seckville, the British representative at Washington has got himself into a frightful mess. In reply to a letter asking his advice as to how to vote in the coming election, from a man named Marchison, resident in California and a naturalized citizen of our country, Lord Seckville replied very

fully, but not advising very positively how the man should vote. His action is looked upon as a decided breach of diplomatic etiquette and as violating the understanding between the two governments as to the American doctrine of naturalization.

One of the queerest tergiversations lately recorded is that of "Herr S." as the papers designate him. The Herr is the nephew of the present Pope. Some years ago he married the Signora La Pecci, the Pope's niece, and migrated to South America where he became a millionaire. His wife died, and the bereaved widower returned to Italy and visited his uncle who had meanwhile been elevated to the Pontifical chair.

As a companion picture to the last we suspend another as an evidence of the same great truth. Miss Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, author of "Gates Ajar," and "The Old Maid's Paradise," has consented to take unto herself a husband, the Rev. Herbert D. Ward of New York city. He is 30 and she 45, old enough to take good care of him and play the part of discreet guardian to her Ward, so to speak.

The School Commissioner of Clarendon County must be a sorry combination of good-for-nothingness sure enough. The Grand Jury in its presentment last week says that "the Grand Jury are fully convinced that from the work done by the School Commissioner, and the nature of that work, that his salary is too great, and they request the members of the Legislature from this county to introduce a bill at the next meeting of the Legislature, reducing the salary of the School Commissioner of Clarendon County to a commission of five per cent of all school money collected during the year, and to reduce the amount allowed by law for traveling expenses from one hundred dollars to fifty dollars, this law to take effect from the passage of the act.

An esteemed contemporary, in a lucid interval, has called attention to the fact that the statute against betting on elections is openly, often and flagrantly violated. Yet, strange (?) to say that some esteemed contemporary has given several columns in all within the last two weeks, to recording the stages of a bet of this sort between two men, who managed to get a deal of gratuitous, though flattering (to them) advertising out of it. On the principle that the receiver is as bad as the thief, it would seem that the party or paper

circulating intelligence of an unlawful character, is as guilty as the original parties to the act. If so, our esteemed contemporary is late in the day in discovering the heinousness of the offence and persistently blind to its own part in the performance.

As for other sides of these immoral transactions, there is no reason that can be urged against betting on a President that cannot be urged with equal force against betting on a horse race. Such Paritainal prudery abridges the liberty of the citizen, as it would also put a stop to horse racing, which in these degenerate days is done not to exhibit the qualities of fine stock and encourage its development, but simply and solely to make money; and the money is made not out of the purses put up, but out of the bets that are arranged, that our sovereigns should submit to the retention of such a statute.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26, 1888. Senator Gorman came over from the national democratic headquarters in New York, and had a long conference with Mr. Cleveland this week. Mr. Gorman gave the President a detailed account of the present status of the campaign, and also fully informed him of the expectations of the national committee, together with the grounds upon which they are based.

Democrats here are confidently figuring on the Senate after the 4th of next March, as well as the Presidency and House. It will only take republican legislators in West Virginia and New Jersey to accomplish that much desired result, and then the democratic party will have a real opportunity to bring about some of the many reforms that are so badly needed.

Washingtonians now rejoice in the possession of a genuine English Lord. The British minister here has recently, through the death of a relative, become Lord Seckville. Could John C. Calhoun have lived until the present time, he would have had an opportunity of verifying the ancient adage "all things come to him that waits." For several years past the United States Supreme Court has been handing down decisions in favor of the doctrine of "States' Rights," which Calhoun so ably advocated, but this week the Court made two decisions which are in effect far beyond anything ever claimed by Calhoun and his associates.

FOR RENT. AN IMPROVED FARM three miles from Mayesville on East Black River, containing about one hundred and fifty-five acres cultivatable, with about the same in woodland adjoining. Apply to E. M. WILSON, Winesboro, S. C. or S. W. WILSON, Mayesville, S. C. Oct 17.

State of Pennsylvania was not entitled to collect a tax on messages sent by the Western Union Telegraph Co. except messages between points within the borders of the State.

A prominent business man of New York City, who was in Washington this week, gave it as his opinion that Cleveland would have a plurality of 25,000 in his state. He says that the National Committee are now certain of holding their own in the labor vote, and that they are daily making gains among business men, men who study.

Use Your Own Eyes. We continue to offer extraordinary inducements in all DRESS GOODS and also in all the latest novelties in Dress Trimmings. Sweeping reductions in prices of Ladies' and Misses' and Children's Wraps of all Descriptions. Special prices on all Domestic GREAT SLAUGHTER in our Clothing Department. We have determined to sell our large stock of clothing REGARDLESS OF PRICE, so it will pay all in need to inspect our goods and prices ere they buy, and save money. Carpets and Rugs of all descriptions at rock bottom prices. We are determined to maintain our reputation as "Leaders of Popular Prices."

Keeping Cotton Back. A leading Savannah cotton buyer informed a Morning News reporter yesterday that he has information that the Farmers' Alliance of Georgia and Alabama have taken united action to withhold their cotton from the market from November 1 to November 20, and for a double purpose—on account of the high price of bagging as arbitrarily fixed by the Bagging Trust, and because cotton is, in their judgment, selling at figures below what it should command, and they argue that by keeping back the cotton for twenty days the price of bagging will decline and cotton will appreciate in value.

The gentleman says that cotton has been and is now kept from going forward for the reasons which combined to bring about the action of the Farmers' Alliance, and that the falling off in the receipts of cotton is due to the causes above mentioned. He says the fields are white and the crop large, but that the quality is inferior, showing discoloration, and that while he could have brought 1,000 bales of strict middling at this time a year ago, it would be a very difficult matter to buy one-third that amount from factors now.—Savannah News.

I am now, as ever, convinced that such a tariff as we have not only brings about serious conflicts between labor and capital, but is responsible for the high prices of manufactured goods; that it depresses the labor market, and that it fosters trusts and combinations. In fact, every tariff since 1789 down to the present time, in so far as it was protective, injured both farmer and laborer by making farming less profitable in order to make the cost of labor to the factory cheaper.—S. S. Cox, in the House of Representatives.

During the first three years of the Cleveland Administration the public debt was reduced at an average of \$106,000,000 annually. During the three years immediately preceding, during Arthur's term, the reduction averaged \$99,500,000. The total reduction for the whole term of Mr. Cleveland, ending 30th of June last, was \$336,905,271 80. That is surely an excellent showing.

Yesterday a prominent New York lawyer arrived in Washington for a consultation with an attorney of this city regarding some patent cases. During the conversation a match to light a cigar was lacking, and the Washingtonian remarked that a piece of ice would do. The New Yorker laughed and was incredulous, and a wagger of a champagne snapper was made. The Washingtonian took a piece of clear ice about an inch thick from the water cooler, whittled it into the shape of a disk, and with the palms of his hands melted its two sides convex, thus giving it the form of a double convex lens or burning glass. With it he focused the sun's rays on the end of his cigar, thus lighting the cigar. While smoking the weed he enjoyed the chagrin of the New Yorker, who promptly paid the bet.—Washington Star.

The oldest chime of bells in America is the chime of eight on Christ Church, Salem Street, Boston. They were brought from England in 1744.

Where Flies Go in Winter? Some one has asked, "Where do flies go in winter?" This is a question of some interest, for a house fly is born fully grown and of mature size, and there are no little flies of the same species, the small ones occasionally observed being diff-rent in kind from the larger ones. The house fly does not bite or pierce the skin, but gathers its food by a comb or rake or brush-like tongue, with which it is able to scrape the varnish from covers of books, and thus it tickles the skin of a person upon whom it alights to feed upon the perspiration. A fly is a scavenger, and is a vehicle by which contagious diseases are spread. It poisons wounds and may carry deadly virus from decaying organic matter into food. It retires from the sight at the beginning of the winter, but where it goes few persons know. If a search of the house be made they will be found in great numbers secreted in warm places in the roof or between the partitions or floors. Last winter we had occasion to examine a roof, and found around the chimney myriads of flies hibernating comfortably and sufficiently lively to fly when disturbed "in overpowering clouds." No doubt this is a favorite winter resort for these creatures.—Boston Globe.

"Face the Facts."

Facts are stubborn things, but you'll find them first class safeguards. Do Your Own Thinking.

An ounce of fact is worth a ton of theory. We live in an age when persons can do their own thinking, and they ought to do it.

There are a few facts which we desire to submit here and we want you to read and re-read them and tag each fact to the tablet of your memory. The only way to Get at the Truth of a Thing is by Analysis. The only way to get at THE VALUE OF ANYTHING is by Comparison—it is the unerring rule by which to MEASURE VALUE.

It is a Fact That J. RYTTEBERG & SONS carry three times a larger stock than any other store. Compare the Size of Our Stock with any other House in this city and draw your own conclusions.

It is a Fact That J. RYTTEBERG & SONS prices are the lowest of any house in Sumter. COMPARE OUR PRICES (on the same grade) with the prices of others, and draw your own conclusions.

It is a Fact That J. RYTTEBERG & SONS do, by far, the largest business of any house in Sumter. Compare the Business we do with that of any other House, and draw your own conclusions.

It is a Fact That J. RYTTEBERG & SONS have the best and most reliable class of goods in the various departments of their mammoth establishment. Compare our Methods of dealing with the public with the methods of others, and draw your own conclusions.

These are facts and you can no more falsify a fact than you can falsify truth, for a fact is the basis of all truth. Compare the Enormous Increase of our business and draw your own conclusions.

J. Ryttenberg & Sons. SUMTER, S. C.

We think we are justified in asserting most positively that for excellence and variety our display of Clothing for Men, Boys and Children, surpasses anything that has ever been seen in Sumter. Both floors of our large Store is well stocked with Prince Albert Suits for Men and Youths. Cutaway Suits for Men and Youths. Square and Round Cut Sack Suits for Men and Youths. Square and Round Cut Sack Suits for Boys. School Suits, Long Pants, from \$2.50 to \$6.00. Knee Pants Suits from \$1.00 up. 100 Boy's odd Vests at 25 and 50 cents. 100 Men's odd Vests at 50 and 75 cents. 800 extra Pants for Men and Boys from 65 cents to \$7.50.

CLOTHING, HATS, PIECE GOODS, FURNISHING GOODS, Including a full line of the famous Patent Square-Shoulder Perfect-Fitting Suits.

BROWN & CHANDLER, NEW STORE, Corner Main and Liberty Streets, SUMTER, S. C. Image of a man in a suit and a hat.

Shirts! Shirts!! LAUNDRIED SHIRTS. UNLAUNDRIED SHIRTS. BICYCLE SHIRTS. We are handling one of the very best \$1.00 Unlaundered Shirts in the market and claim that it is unexcelled by any other Shirt at that price. We also have a GOOD SHIRT FOR 50 CENTS, And an excellent one at 75 cents, or 6 for \$4.00. WARRANTED PURE LINEN BOSOMS. NECKWEAR! NECKWEAR! All the latest shapes in Scarfs, Ties, and Bows, Mufflers, Suspensders, Cuffs and Collars. A Beautiful line of Silk, Linen and Cotton Handkerchiefs. 200 Pairs Sample Gloves at less than wholesale prices. A large assortment of Silk, Gloria, Alpaca and Gingham Umbrellas.