

The Watchman and Southern

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

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

CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS.

We are in receipt of another communication from "Farmer" of Manville.

The Governor's vacillation in the premises tended to exasperate and tantalize the people of Lexington.

This lying, when all the circumstances are considered, is peculiarly atrocious and the committee who pledged their honor for the safety of the prisoner, must be made to understand that their honor is lost and can only be redeemed when they shall have procured the detection and punishment of the perpetrators of this horrible crime.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week the city of Charleston was wholly given over to the Southern Press Association and the State Press Association.

These two bodies composed of some of the best brains of the South and our State, representing all that is progressive and enterprising—the great energizing forces of the New South—were the recipients of a generous and enthusiastic hospitality in the old city by the sea.

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BOYCOTTED.

The News and Courier is being pretty generally boycotted by the rampant and misguided Tillmanites.

Whereas, the Charleston News and Courier has always opposed every movement the farmers have made to better their condition educationally, financially, and politically, therefore be it, &c.

We have often differed with the News and Courier on public questions, but to say that it has designedly done ought to injure the farming classes of the country is too ridiculous and only shows the pitiable expedients to which farmer Tillman's friends are reduced.

THE LEXINGTON LYNCHING.

It will be remembered that some weeks ago a negro of Lexington, convicted of ravishing a white woman in that County and sentenced to be hung was respited by the Governor upon the recommendation of Judge Wallace, who presided at the trial.

The Governor stated to the "indignant" committee that the reprieve was granted on an affidavit which had been submitted by the attorney for the prisoner, the contents of which would soon give to the public.

If it was wrong to remove the prisoner from Lexington he ought not to have been removed; if right, he ought not to have been returned, and the

Take our own county as an example of how they work the racket. It is generally known that Sumter county is strongly anti-Tillman—in fact Mr. Tillman has scarcely any strength in this county—yet in this paper we have published twice as many Pro-Tillman communications as we have anti-Tillman.

Mr. Tillman's forces are organized and are working in season and out of season, and in the long run this work will bear fruit. It is bound to tell unless met as it ought to be met—manfully and positively.

We do not approve the course once contemplated by the three gentlemen calling the anti-Tillman farmers' meeting recently held in Columbia.

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Mr. Tillman's course is unprecedented—his methods extraordinary. Claiming to be the leader of eighty per cent of the electors of the State, he has adopted measures that will alienate the remaining twenty per cent. if the logical results follow.

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What is the necessity or reason for this? Isn't it possible for eighty per cent to control twenty per cent?

The kind of feeling propagated by Mr. Tillman is shown by the hundreds of letters being published in the Charleston World, now the recognized organ of Tillmanism.

ENCOURAGING DISCOURAGEMENT.

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Mass Meeting on Saletday. In pursuance of the invitation extended by Col. J. J. Dargan, through the columns of the W. and S., to the citizens of Sumter County, they assembled in the Court House on Monday last a large body of Democratic voters to hear a report from him as to his action in the Shell Convention and the "21 Conference," and to confer together on the political situation.

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Mr. Dargan who had called the meeting, took the floor and in his usual interesting and earnest manner proceeded to "give an account of himself." He spoke at length in opposition to "Tillmanism," indulging in a tirade of those who differed from himself—preferring rather to throw the mantle of charity around their actions.

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