

The Watchman and Southern.

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

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY.

We publish this week a letter from a friend at New Brighton Pa., a former resident of Sumter, on the subject of paving streets and commending the agitation of this matter by the W. & S. A good many of our citizens and business men have expressed themselves in favor of the plan of paving with Belgian blocks if it can be done at reasonable cost. There seems to be great diversity of opinion in respect to the probable cost of the work and as to what portions of street should be paved. A large majority advocate only the paving of Main Street from Monaghan's block to Reid's corner where there is a greater thoroughfare, and where most mud collects. The cost of course will depend upon the width of the street. If it was undertaken to pave the whole of Main Street from curb to curb, being 45 feet wide it would be considerable. Amounting to about \$50,000 per mile, but there is no present necessity for this. The city might do as council did in the case of some streets in Charleston, only pave about 21 feet in the centre where all the mud principally collects. This has been stated to be perfectly practicable, the blocks remaining in place, and the work lasting as well as if the whole width had been covered. This laid at an expense of \$2 per yard would cost about \$20,000 a mile, and between the points above mentioned would be about 1/2 as much, say \$6,500. But as our correspondent suggests let one or more members of the city Council investigate the matter thoroughly and report. We may be mistaken, but we think the present system is susceptible of great improvement, and if the people intend to do it, they ought to act en masse. Sumter will never be paved with good intentions.

MILES' MISFORTUNES.

The Secretary of War has published the report of the investigation into the battle with the Indians at Wounded Knee, S. D., the 25th December last, especially with reference to the conduct of Colonel Forsythe on that occasion. Gen. Schofield, commanding, submitted the case to the Secretary, with an endorsement to the effect that, in his judgment, the military service did not demand any further proceedings in the case, nor any further continuance of the suspension of Col. Forsythe from the command of his regiment. This means that he did not approve of or concur in the severe censure contained in this report by General Miles of the conduct of Col. Forsythe. The Secretary of War not only exonerates Forsythe from any blame but says: The troops appear to have been well disposed to prevent an outbreak and goes on to remark "It is easy to make plans when we look backward, but in the light of actual conditions as they appeared to the commanding officer there does not seem to be anything in the arrangement of troops requiring adverse criticism on the part of the department." Gen. Miles' endorsement on the report has been practically ignored and Col. Forsythe ordered to resume his command. General Miles had now better take a back seat. The triumph of his recent victories will also be considerably diminished by the fact of his treatment of President Davis while a prisoner at Fortress Monroe having been exposed by Mrs. Davis just at that time.

RUSSELL PRAISES CLEVELAND.

Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, has written a letter to Cleveland expressing his gratification at the position he has taken against free coinage of silver. He says he sincerely believes that the apparent support of many Democrats of the proposition for the free coinage of silver arose from their just and earnest desire to kill the force bill. He looks for a stronger stand in the party against free coinage. Concluding Governor Russell says: "New England is rapidly becoming democratic because of the sound position our party has taken on the tariff question, against the Force bill and the whole system of political tyranny, selfishness and intrigue represented by the republican party. We cannot afford to check this democratic tendency by any false position on the silver question, nor by yielding to an impulsive movement which has mistaken the proper remedy for a just grievance."

COLUMBIA CANAL SOLD.

The trustees of the Columbia Canal, by and with the consent of the City Council of Columbia, have sold the Columbia Canal to a northern syndicate of capitalists, represented by W. H. Chew, W. P. Hix and Jno. R. Abney, for \$260,000. The money is to be paid in cash, or the parties are to take up and cancel the canal bonds, certificates of indebtedness and the balance up to \$260,000. They guarantee to finish the canal to its full length; to put one million dollars in mill plants on the canal within three years from the date of the contract, and if not done in three years to forfeit the amount paid for the canal and turn back the property to the City of Columbia. The company further undertake to furnish 500 horse power of water power to the South Carolina Penitentiary; 500 horse power of water power to the assignee of Sullivan Renner, and provide at proper places under the canal sufficient sewers for the use of the City.

Points from Privateer.

PRIVATEER, SUMTER COUNTY, FEBRUARY 13. Col. F. M. Mellett, who took the census of Privateer last year, has handed me the following interesting statistics: White males in the township 385, white females 410, total whites 805; mulatto males 150, mulatto females 127, total mulatto 277; black males 762, black females 847, total blacks 1,609. There are three male albinos (argyrs). Total population of the township 2,634. This was the population of the township up to the 1st of last June. It will be seen that Privateer's colored population is nearly nineteen hundred, and that there are 74 more females than males.

Editors in Luck.

Mr. Robert N. Hemphill died near Blackstock, Chester County a short time ago, leaving a property estimated at about \$10,000. Mr. Hemphill was a bachelor and made his money by planting. The talk of it was accumulated since the war. Among other devices, he leaves nine sixteenths of his estate to his brother James Hemphill and one sixteenth to his nephews J. Calvin Hemphill, Editor of the News and Courier, and R. R. Hemphill, Editor of the Abbeville Medium.

Mechanics' Items.

We regret very much to hear as we close our columns that the infant son of Dr. Henry Y. DuBoise of Mechanicsville, who has been desperately ill with whooping cough for three weeks, is not expected to live. The child, which has made quite a visitation here is at last subsiding. Whooping cough has taken its place and is spreading rapidly.

COLUMBIA CLUB IN A CORNER.

The Columbia Club has been served with a notice by the city clerk to answer before the Mayor to a charge of selling liquor without a license. The club has answered denying the right of the city to impose a license, and alleges that the club is simply a private association of gentlemen not carrying on business as liquor dealers. It however admits that liquor is sold in the club rooms. Upon this admission the Mayor imposed a fine of twenty dollars and ordered that a license be taken out of the club rooms closed, but they have been allowed until Friday to obtain

Items and Politics From Rattling Cross.

Mr. Editor: The New Year has brought about an unusual movement of our colored friends from place to place, without the least regard, it seems, whether they are bettered in their swags. I presume they wish each year to verify "Abe's Proclamation" of Jan. 1st, 1865, that freedom is in the land. A great many of them have gone to Georgia to work in the turpentine farms. I regret to see so many able-bodied negroes go from the State for higher wages, leaving the poorer class of laborers behind, for taking an average of annually, the negro is the best laborer we have.

WILLIAM TROMBSEH SHERMAN.

Gen. W. T. Sherman died at his home in New York on Saturday last. It is a little singular that his death should have occurred only a day or two previous to the anniversary of the burning of Columbia Yesterday was the day. It is unfortunate that these two events should transpire so nearly at one time, as it revives the memories of those dark days that "tried our souls" and makes it difficult for the South, and especially South Carolina, to forget and forgive. They have always been a brave and generous people, and while they cannot forget the horrors and hardships of his march through our borders and the ruthless destruction of our beautiful Capital, time and death will have its influence in softening the bitterness. All the faults and errors of his life have been washed away in "the baptism of death" and we should only remember that among a large and respectable class of people, at the North, Gen. Sherman was held in respect and esteem, both as a soldier and citizen, de mortuis nil nisi bonum.

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TAX RETURNS FOR 1890-91.

RETURNS of Personal Property and Polls will be received at the following times and places, viz: Rembert, Wednesday, Feb. 4. Scarborough, Thursday, Feb. 5. And at the Auditor's office in Sumter on all other days, from Jan. 1st until February 20th, inclusive. The law requires that all persons owning property, or in any wise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, &c., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 cent penalty, which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law. A good way for the taxpayer who has much property to return, is to make a memorandum of the number of horses, cattle, mules, sheep and goats, hogs, watches, organs and pianos, buggies wagons and carriages, dogs, merchandise, machinery, moneys, notes and accounts (above indebtedness) all furniture, &c., which will save the taxpayer time and enable the assessor to progress in the work. Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January, 1891. Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each party for the township the property is in, and where the taxpayer owns realty to insert the postoffice as their place of residence, and those who only own personal property to give the party's name who owns the land they live on as their residence, which aids the taxpayer as well as the county treasurer in making the collection and preventing errors. Every male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years on the first day of January, 1891, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed, or from other causes, shall be deemed taxable polls. All returns that are made after the twentieth day of February next have to be placed on the additional list and fifty per cent. penalty added thereto, unless prevented by sickness or out of the county during the time of listing. Not knowing the time of listing is no excuse. And all owners of real estate might do their tenants who cannot read or take a newspaper, a great favor by making their returns or telling them the time of listing, and that if they fail to make their returns in time that the valuation has to be increased fifty per cent. unless they have a good excuse. The assessing and collecting of taxes is all done now in the same year, and we have to aggregate the number and value of all the horses, cattle, mules, &c., as well as the acres of land, lots and buildings and their value, that there is in the county, and have same on file in the Comptroller General's office by the thirtieth day of June each year. And from that time to the first day of October each year the auditor's and treasurer's duplicate has to be completed and an abstract of the work in the Comptroller's office by that time, which will show at a glance that the auditor has no time to take in returns, or do anything else much, between the first day of March and the first day of October each year, but work on the books and blanks. Therefore, hope that all taxpayers will do us the favor of making their returns in time.

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PROPRIETORS OF The Sumter Shoe Store, Have bought this space for a time, to inform the public that they are prepared to protect their lower extremities from the rain and frost of the coming season. The older citizens of Sumter know this OLD FIRM so well that comments to them are not necessary, but the population of our city has increased so rapidly, there are a great many here now, who have not made their acquaintance and we do not think we would be acting the part of the Good Samaritan, did we not advise them to go to BULTMANN & BRO., when in need of SHOES, for they are better prepared to suit them in that line than any other House in the city, as they are Shoemakers of 40 years experience and make the shoe business their sole study and occupation. Their present stock was manufactured before the advance in the Leather market and will be sold at former zero figures. By this one item they will Save you from 15 to 25 Per Cent. on your shoe bill, and always give you solid Leather to walk on. In addition to their regular line, they sell the renowned WHITE SEWING MACHINE, and carry a complete stock of Fine Trunks and Valises, &c. Bultmann & Bro., Opposite Court House Square, Sumter, S. C. Sept 17

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Paints, Regal Brand Oils, Varnishes and Brushes. DuPont's Powder. SPORTING GOODS A SPECIALTY. Agricultural Implements, Cans, Pistols, CUTLERY. AGENTS FOR Garland Stoves and Ranges, St. debaker Wagons and Road Carts, Buggies, Phaetons, Surries and Carriages. The Largest Assortment of Harness in the City. IRON PIPE, PUMPS, MILL SUPPLIES, HUBS, Rims and Spokes, Tinware, Woodenware, Rubber and Leather Belting. We flatter ourselves that the above lines are complete in every particular, and we would ask before buying that you call and examine the stock of GAILLARD & LENOIR, Sumter, S. C. Nov. 19

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DURANT & BELITZER. January 28