

The Watchman and Southern.

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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1856 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

THE COURT.

One can readily form an idea of the way the Court is working by glancing over the proceedings of the past three days, published on our local page.

Judge Aldrich is a good worker and the Solicitor, lawyers and jurists "to be fair" will not be his fault if business is not despatched.

So far seven cases have been tried, and six prisoners have been convicted and sentenced.

From present appearances the jail will probably be delivered this week and most of the prisoners tried who are out on bond.

RESPECT THE HIGHWAYS.

Among the points presented in the charge of His Honor, Judge Aldrich, to the Grand Jury was that in reference to the encroachments upon the public highways of the county.

It is bad enough to have our public roads in the condition they are from the recent rains and constant hauling of cotton and guano, but to have more than half and sometimes two-thirds of them plowed up for the sake of two or three more feet added to a field is simply outrageous and should be followed up by prompt punishment.

We have known roads, broad enough for three vehicles to pass, at one point, reduced to a foot path by farmers plowing into them.

This is done by white men as well as colored, by men who appreciate good roads as much as any of us, and who cannot even plead ignorance as an excuse for such vandalism.

RELIEF FOR THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.

The bill for the organization of a Court of Appeals, to be auxiliary to the Supreme Court, passed Congress on Saturday and has been submitted to the President.

That it will be approved is a foregone conclusion as its enactment was recommended by him in his message to Congress.

This will be of great assistance to the Supreme Court and is one of the most important and useful enactments of the late Congress.

The Court has been struggling for years to keep up with the rapid accumulation of the cases that have been appealed to Washington.

It is stated that the number of cases now on appeal before the Supreme Court exceed twelve hundred and upon them the judges have made little or no headway.

Every new case, with a few important exceptions, is obliged to go to the foot of the docket and await its disposal.

At this rate it takes about three years to reach a case after it has been docketed.

By the new law a Court of Appeals will be created in each of the nine judicial circuits into which the United States is divided.

Each of these appellate courts is to consist of three judges—two of the existing federal judges and one to be appointed by the President.

That gives to Mr. Harrison the appointment of nine new judges.

In a specified class of cases the decision of the new appellate court is to be final. Such cases will not therefore be appealable to Washington.

That will essentially lessen the number of appeals to the United States Supreme Court.

It is intended and believed that the reduction will prove ample to enable that tribunal to work off its present docket and thereafter to dispose promptly of all cases appealed to it.

The inauguration of the new Court will be good news to bench and bar and to those litigants, in respect to whom justice has been so long delayed.

DANGER OF WAR IN EUROPE.

Quite an excited state of feeling seems to have been caused in Paris by the recent visit of the Empress Frederick, of Germany, and last week has been reported to have been one of the most critical periods for France and Germany since the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71.

Her sudden and unannounced arrival at first caused surprise at the French capital. Her movements gave rise to much curiosity, and her prolonged stay coupled with the political significance attached to it and certain incidents which transpired caused the discontent and ill-feeling which prevailed.

This was in no small part increased by a series of articles in the newspapers, commenting unfavorably upon the visit of the mother of the Emperor of Germany.

Her treatment has enraged the Emperor, and Germany has so far retaliated, through her Chancellor, by recalling certain passport regulations.

Although it has been alleged that Victoria is indignant at the insult to her daughter, and William morose, and the French people wilfully provoked, it is not probable that there is any danger of war. It is not likely it will be resorted to unless clearly justifiable and necessary.

The circumstances, in the present enlightened age, do not seem to warrant hostilities. The New York Herald in commenting on the situation wisely says:

"The trouble was caused by the element in Paris, which is forever on the edge of a tragedy. It represents nothing but itself; it is like a smudge which may be readily fanned into a blaze by the breath of circumstance.

EDITORIAL CHANGES.

The Darlington Herald has changed hands. Mr. W. D. Woods assuming the editorship. A. S. McIver, Esq., the former editor, has taken a position with the Darlington News.

Mr. D. H. Russell now edits the "Peoples' Advocate" of Barnwell, vice J. W. Bowden.

W. L. McDonald, Esq., for the past two years editor of the York Enterprise, has been succeeded by General E. M. Law. Commenting upon the change the Yorkville Enquirer says:

During his connection with the Enterprise, Mr. McDonald has made for himself a warm place in the hearts of its readers, and his many friends will be sorry to see his connection with the paper severed at this time.

Gen. Law, the new editor, however, has a wide reputation as a fine writer of considerable ability, and we have no doubt he will soon be able to so fill his new position that the readers of the paper will speedily become reconciled to the change.

THE BLUE RIDGE SCRIP.

An Act was passed at the last Legislature requiring the Attorney General to take testimony in the matter of an investigation into the claims of E. B. Wesley and the Bank of North America against the State.

Attorney General, has returned from New York, where he went to take the testimony of the plaintiffs in accordance with the Act. He will now proceed to take the testimony for the State.

No report in the matter has yet been made public. These claims have been pending for years, and it is to be hoped some settlement of them will soon be reached either one way or the other.

Distressing Tragedy at Florence.

FLORENCE, S. C., Feb. 27.—A few minutes after 10 o'clock to-night an alarm of fire was sounded. The dwelling of B. O'Neill Townsend, a prominent lawyer, in the extreme western portion of the town, was on fire.

In an extremely short time, the building, a two story cottage, was enveloped in flames. The cry went up, "Townsend is in the house!" Several firemen entered the burning building in search of him, but to no avail.

One went to a room where Mr. Townsend was supposed to be, but the room was one mass of flames. The engine finally extinguished the fire, so that several firemen could go into the ruins.

After fishing around in the burning embers for some time, one of the negro firemen found the body, and a mass of burning, sizzling human flesh was pulled out and laid upon the garden walk.

There are many theories about the affair. Some persons say that Mr. Townsend was seen on his porch in the afternoon, and that he seemed excited, as though something was worrying him. Others seemed to think he committed suicide and set the house afire himself.

His waiting boy says that he left Mr. Townsend lying on his bed, reading, at 6 o'clock this evening, and that he was perfectly calm and rational. Still others hint at foul play, and think it probable that he may have been murdered and robbed, and that the criminal set fire to the building to conceal the crime.

Mr. Albert Theime, the nearest neighbor, says that when he went to bed he noticed a light burning in Mr. Townsend's bedroom. He had just got in bed when he heard a report like the explosion of a lamp. He ran over, but by the time he got to the bedroom door the room was nothing but flames. He seems to think the lamp exploded while Mr. Townsend lay asleep, and before he could wake he was stifled with smoke.

Belton O'Neill Townsend was perhaps one of the most prominent young lawyers of the State. He was originally from Society Hill, Darlington county, but has been practicing in Florence for the past eight years with marked success. He leaves a wife and two little girls, who were at the time of the fire on a visit to relatives in the county.

The remains were cared for by relatives and friends, and will probably be interred at his old home in Society Hill.

The building was owned by Mr. Townsend, and valued at \$1,500, but was not insured. The furniture was insured for \$500, in the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company.—The State.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2nd, 1891. Senator Ingalls is making the effort of his life to get Mr. Harrison snubbed by the republican Senate, and to get even with an old personal enemy at the same time, by getting the nomination of Representative Anderson, of Kansas, to be Consul General to Egypt, which Mr. Harrison bent to the Senator with that Senator's air to be minister to China, rejected, or "hung up", which would keep Anderson out of the office until next December.

If an extra session is to be avoided Congress will have to crowd more business into these three last days than it has ever done before, for everything is in a very much mixed and backward condition at this writing, and it would certainly cause no surprise here should several of the regular appropriation bills fail to get through.

There would have been no probability of failing to pass the appropriation bills if the republicans in the House had not voted to spend two days on the Shipping bills, and if they were not constantly trying to leave the appropriation bills for the purpose of pushing through something to help the decrepit old republican party. Representative Cannon had the sublime impudence to make the threat that unless the democrats would vote for the suspension of the rules so as to allow the majority to pass such legislation as it might see fit, the majority would lay aside the appropriation bills and proceed under the rules to dispose of such business as it might believe ought to be passed.

The Shipping bill in which the lobby was mostly interested, the one granting a tonnage subsidy to all American vessels engaged in trade with foreign countries, was defeated in the House, and the least objectionable bill, that authorizing the granting of subsidies to steam vessels, in the guise of payments

for carrying United States mail, was passed, with an amendment reducing the amount to be so paid. In principle one of these bills is just as objectionable as the other, but I call the one that passed the least objectionable, because it will require a great deal less money—nobody could tell how much the other would have taken had it become a law.

Through the machinations of that enterprising lobbyist, ex-Senator Mahone, all present hope of a new Government printing office in place of the tumble-down structure now used as such, has gone glimmering, and it is much to be regretted that two such eminent democrats as Senators Gorman and Butler should have allowed themselves to be used as instruments for the accomplishment of Mahone's purpose. Finding it impossible to sell to the Government a site for a new printing office, for \$250,000, a piece of land entirely unsuited for the purpose, was obtained, through his "pard", Senator Cannon, the man who could do anything any harm in speculating in silver while a bill affecting its value was pending in the Senate, set to work to prevent the site recommended by the committee being purchased by the present Congress. The scheme was well worked. Waiting until the closing rush of the session began, when members are glad to postpone anything, a resolution was offered to lay the whole matter aside until next December, and it was adopted. This is all right for Mahone, but it's rather tough on the more than two thousand men and women who sacrifice their health and endanger their lives in the old building. The question naturally arises: do these democratic Senators propose trying to help Mahone sell his ground to Uncle Sam through the democratic Congress? I cannot believe it.

Mr. Harrison now has a whack at the direct tax bill that Mr. Cleveland vetoed, the Senate having agreed to the House amendment. It is safe to say that he will not follow the example of Mr. Cleveland in that respect.

A bill allowing an annual pension of \$2,500 to the widow of Admiral Porter is also in Mr. Harrison's hands. Once more U. S. Treasurer Huston has resigned, and this time it is for keeps. He refuses to be interviewed, but his close personal friends do not hesitate to say that it is Mr. Huston's intention to return to Indiana and put in the biggest lick in his political blacksmith shop against Mr. Benjamin Harrison, who, by refusing to make him Secretary of the Treasury, furnished the last straw which broke the camel's back, which had been for some time strained to its utmost because of social slights. Mr. Harrison figures now on countering Mr. Huston's opposition by the support of Mr. J. A. Lemcke, ex State Treasurer of Indiana (a Gresham man) who will be his successor as Treasurer.

Senator elect Kyle, of South Dakota, is a daily visitor at the Capitol. He says that on questions of tariff and finance he will act with the democrats; but that does not prevent the republicans trying to win him over by attentions and "taffy". Time only will tell what sort of a man he is.

Senator Hearst, after a long illness, died Saturday night.

Sumter's Steady, Sturdy Stride.

The W. and S. has endeavored in each of its weekly issues, heretofore, to publish a list of all buildings in the city that were in process of erection. Nearly all of those contained in the following list, clipped from yesterday's State, have already been noticed by us, but as it is a complete list, covering all of the residences and other buildings, we give it in order that people may form a better idea of all that has been done:

SUMTER, S. C., March 1.—As showing the rapid growth of our city the following list of buildings and improvements now going on in Sumter and kindly furnished to the State correspondent by the real estate firm of Bowman & Ingram, will give some idea.

Beginning at the Northern extremity of Main Street, Mr. H. F. Wilson is making extensive additions to his residence in that quarter.

On Warren Street, near Main, Gen. E. W. Moore is building a handsome ten room house, furnished with all the latest improvements.

Main, near Calhoun, the Presbyterian parsonage has been enlarged and otherwise improved.

Main, between Calhoun and Canal, Mrs. M. Epperson is erecting a large two-story building, and will soon put up another alongside of it. Immediately across the street she has just had built a neat cottage of four rooms.

Main, corner of Canal, J. C. Craig is building two large, double-story furniture warehouses, to replace the buildings destroyed by fire a short time ago.

Canal, near Main, George F. Epperson has just rebuilt his livery and added improvements. Old stable lately destroyed by fire.

Main, near Dugan, C. T. Mason, Jr., will soon erect an \$8,000 residence. Out-houses now going up.

Two doors farther down, Dr. A. J. China has recently built a \$5,000 residence with all the latest improvements. Water is supplied to the house by a private system of water works, run by wind power.

Across the street Mrs. Hewson has recently completed a neat two-story residence, and complements building another alongside very soon.

Main, near Jerry House, Gen. Morse is building a small brick store, to be occupied by Miss Cora Miller, as a millinery establishment.

Main, near the Atlantic Coast Line depot, extensive additions have been put to the Curtis Hotel.

Main, just beyond the depot, a square has been divided into twelve lots, upon which the purchasers will soon build.

Main, corner of Graham, B. R. Nash has recently completed a \$5,000 residence, furnished with all the latest improvements.

To the East of Main, on Harris street, between Canal and B. R. Nash, seven new houses of five to seven rooms have recently been built.

Harvin, corner of Republican, R. W. Bradburn has nearly completed the lumber on the ground for the purpose of building a blacksmith, wheelwright, buggy and carriage manufacturing and cabinet making establishment.

Across the street Mr. E. W. A. Ballman has just completed three neat, two-story five-room cottages.

Corner of Dugan, Mr. B. K. DeLorme has just put the finishing touches to a two-story \$2,500 residence—use of the prettiest in Sumter.

Between Dugan and Graham, Mr. L. S. Carson has lately built a neat and comfortable residence at a cost of \$2,000.

Corner of Graham street, B. R. Nash is building a two-story \$2,000 residence.

Harvin, corner of Bee, R. P. Monaghan has recently had a number of cottages built for tenants. On Harris beyond Bee, Bowman & Ingram are erecting six of the best improved new houses of five to seven rooms which they will soon place on the market.

L. S. Carson has purchased three and a half acres adjoining, which he will lay out and build up in tract houses.

On Manning street, a continuation of Main street, between Monaghan and Bee streets, seven cottages of from two to four rooms have just been built.

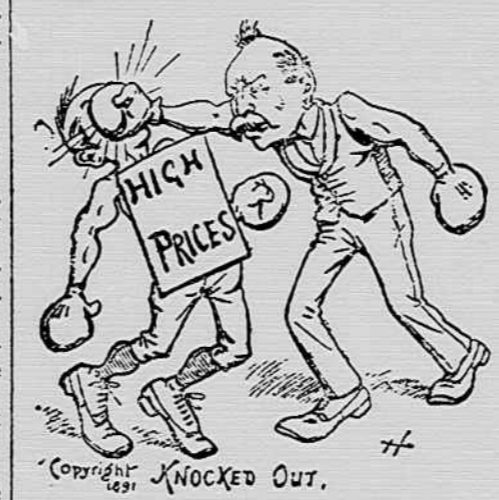
Beyond Bee street, on Manning avenue, five cottages of from three to five rooms are in course of construction.

Farther to the East of Main, on Magnolia street, corner of Republican, two neat five-room cottages just finished.

Near the C. S. & N. depot, eastern extremity of Liberty street, Messrs. F. and Mitch Levi are building two magnificent residences, furnished with all the latest improvements.

Mr. F. Levi's contains ten rooms and will cost \$5,000. Mr. Mitch Levi's will contain thirteen rooms and will cost \$8,000. These two brothers were recently engaged in the mercantile business and

KNOCK DOWN DRAG-OUT SALE.



BROWN & CHANDLER knock the high prices down and their customers drag the goods out. Just glance at the following prices and be convinced.

Shirt Waist for boys from 4 to 13 years, at 25c. 50c. and 75c. The quality of the 25c. line is as good as can be found for that money. But we don't recommend them. The ones at 50c. and 75c. are splendid values.

20 Dozen Percalé Shirts for men. 3 Collars and 1 pair of Cuffs go with each shirt; only 50c.

An endless variety of Neglige Shirts for men and boys: from 25c. to \$3.00.

Men and Boys' Windsor Ties: a big line at 5c. and 10c. Fast colors.

A Beautiful lot of Silk Windsors suitable for Ladies as well as Men.

Call and examine our immense line of Spring and Summer Clothing.

Respectfully, Brown & Chandler, Cor. Main and Liberty Sts., Sumter, S. C.

February 18

CITY LOTS FOR SALE.

NORTHWEST SIDE. RANGING IN PRICES FROM \$150 to \$450 each. Size 50 to 80 feet front by 175 to 200 feet deep.

Beautifully located in the healthiest part of the City—a large number of them 6 feet higher than at the intersection of Main and Liberty streets.

Terms, one-third cash, balance in one and two years. Apply to JNO. S. HUGHSON, A. S. BROWN, W. A. BROWN.

March 4—3m

NIAGARA AT STUD.

The grand thoroughbred, NIAGARA, by Luke Blackburn, dam Ivy Leaf, Bramble's dam, will make the season 1891, at Hagood and adjacent points, where the patronage warrants it.

TERMS: \$200 for the season with privilege of return. \$300 to insure.

This is what the standard authority, the Turf, Field and Farm, of New York, says of Niagara.

"The Chestnut Horse, Niagara, foaled 1884, by Luke Blackburn, dam Ivy Leaf, (dam of Bramble, Australian, Bazar, &c.) by imported Australian, second dam Bay Flower, (full sister to Bayonet, Baywater, Preakness, &c.) by Lexington, and third dam Bay Leaf, by imported Yorkshire. Niagara is one of the best looking and best bodied thoroughbreds in the country, a horse of fine size and great substance. He was not only possessed of a rare turn of speed, but could pack any weight and go a distance. He twice ran a mile in 1:42, once with six pounds, and again in 1:41. He combined the bonnie Scotland and Australian blood with a double cross of Lexington, and will prove a great acquisition to the breeding interests of South Carolina."

Apply to, JAMES DWYER, Manager, Hagood, S. C.

March 4—1m

SPECIAL NOTICE AS TO ROADS.

OFFICE OF County Commissioners, SUMTER COUNTY, SUMTER, S. C., March 3, 1891.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hereby inform the public that any one planning or plotting in the Public Highways of the County, will be dealt with as the law directs.

Roads leading to Charleston, Georgetown, Columbia, Camden, Hamburg or Cheraw, are to be made and cleared thirty feet (30) wide; and all other roads shall be cleared twenty (20) feet wide.

By order of Board, T. V. WALSH, Clerk. Advance copy 4 times.

RICE POUNDING.

MARY BEE MILLS, KNOWN AS THE W. F. Bee's Mills—four miles North of Sumter—are now in good order, pounding 25 to 40 bushels per day, and I will endeavor to give satisfaction to all customers. Any information desired may be obtained by addressing me at Hagood, S. C. Feb. 25—3m

NEW LUMBER YARD.

I BEG TO INFORM MY FRIENDS AND the public generally that my Saw Mill, located on the C. S. & N. R. R., just back of my residence, is now in full operation, and I am prepared to furnish all grades of Yellow Pine Lumber from unbleached timber, at prices according to grades.

Yard accessible on North side of residence. J. B. ROACH, Feb. 18

WANTS.

ADVERTISEMENTS of five lines or less will be inserted under this head for 25 cents per each insertion. Additional lines 5 cents per line.

COOK WANTED—A good and efficient cook wanted. Apply at this office. Liberal wages paid for one who is capable.

SOLICIT ORDERS FOR FERTILIZERS and can be found at office of Thos. E. Richardson, Sumter, S. C. Respectfully, Thos. E. Richardson, 274

FOR RENT—On reasonable terms a six-room dwelling with necessary out buildings 4 1/2 miles from City of Sumter. Apply to or address S. W. Rappold, Sumter, S. C. 475

WANTED—The consent of 10,000 Smokers—to send each, a sample lot of 150 "NICKEL" Cigars and a 25 year gold filled Watch, by Express C. O. D. \$5.25 and allow examination. HAYANA CIGAR CO., Winston, N. C.

HAVING BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF the General Colportage system of the South Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, and having decided to make my headquarters for the present, in Sumter, I will be glad to order any good, helpful books for my friends and the public. All orders left with me at store of Chandler & Shaw, will receive prompt and careful attention.

J. C. CHANDLER.

IF YOU ARE GOING WEST AND WANT LOW RATES To Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Colorado, Oregon and California, or any point WEST or NORTHWEST—IT WILL PAY YOU TO write to me.

FRED D. BUSH, D. P. A., L. & N. R. R. No. 5—x 38 Wall St., Atlanta, Ga

TO RENT. A HOUSE OF THREE ROOMS IN THE business part of the city, next door (West) to Watchman and Southern Printing House, on Liberty Street, with back yard and garden annex, securely enclosed. Possession given at once. Apply at this office.

Feb. 25

DEEP, PORK AND FISH. NEW DRUG STORE IN SUMTER.

I beg to inform the public that I keep fine FRESH MEATS and also FINE FRESH FISH of all kinds.

I wish to inform my customers that I have opened a BROTHER'S STALL IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE, on Liberty Street, where I will keep a neat place, at which ladies can call and examine meats and fish.

Thanking the public for past favors, I respectfully solicit further patronage.

I also pay the highest cash price for Beef and Pork.

W. J. DAWSEY, 2-11-3m

MONEY TO LEND AT SIX PER CENT.

THE SUMTER BOARD OF THE EQUITABLE Building & Loan Association Of Augusta, Ga., has money to loan on first mortgage Real Estate, (town or county) at SIX PER CENT.

A. S. BROWN, President, A. WHITE, Jr., Sec. and Treas., C. C. MANNING, Attorney, W. A. PRINGLE, Agent.

Feb. 25

NEW DRUG STORE IN SUMTER.

New Store, New Men, New Goods.

W. H. GILLILAND & CO. Beg to announce to the citizens of Sumter, City and County, that they have opened IN THE MONAGHAN BLOCK.

A Complete Stock of Drugs, Medicines, Toilet and Fancy Articles, and other goods, such as are usually found in a Drug Store, including SEGARS AND TOBACCO, GARDEN SEEDS, Etc.

Special attention is invited to a fine line of PERFUMERY, embracing some fine imported Extracts.

Credent attention given to the compounding of prescriptions, and calls promptly attended to at all hours.

An Electric Bell will be found at the door for night use.

COME AND SEE US. W. H. GILLILAND & CO., MONAGHAN BLOCK, MAIN STREET, SUMTER, S. C. February 18

BOARDING.

MRS. M. A. EPPERSON is prepared to entertain boarders, both regular and transient, with first class accommodations.

TABLE SUPPLIED WITH THE BEST. Liberty Street, near St. Joseph's Academy, Feb. 25—3m. Sumter, S. C.

A CONFIDENCE GAME.

It may be a surprise to many of our citizens to be told that there is a confidence game of the strongest kind

IN FULL OPERATION

in our midst. But it is so. The editors of our papers were about the first to learn of this confidence game early in the year. There are many of our best citizens who are

BOLD OPERATORS

at it every day. The community seems rather benefited by it than otherwise, and the confidence game

MAY BE SEEN ANY DAY

by stepping into our store, where the confidence shown by the buying public in the new and attractive spring stock we are showing and selling is remarkable.

- Perforated Chair Seats, 10 cents. Perforated Chair Seats, extra size, 15 c's. A lot of large brass head Upholsterers' Tacks for putting on chair seats, &c. 2 pieces Felt, 72 inches wide, at \$1.25 per yard. Neglige Shirts, from 25 cents to \$4.50 each. Double-rowed Ruchings, 25c. to 50c. One lot Scrim, 5 cents a yard, also better qualities. 5 pieces, 10-4 N. Y. Mills Sheetting, 30 cents a yard. Job lot Lap Robes, at \$1.00. More French Ginghams. 2 more pieces of Apron Stripes just received, at 16c. and 25 cents a yard.

Several hundred tons Cotton Seed Meal, Ammoniated Fertilizers, Acid and Kainit at lowest cash prices.

Very Respectfully

BROWNS & PURDY.

February 18

DON'T BUY ANY FURNITURE

UNTIL YOU EXAMINE OUR STOCK.

We have everything you can think of and everything you want, and our prices

NOXEM All Out.