

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, '92.

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.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Members of Democratic Clubs should not lose sight of the fact that all clubs must meet and reorganize on Saturday April 9th.

The German Parliament has been dissolved and the Emperor will endeavor to untangle the snarl into which he with the assistance of parliament, has put German politics. The press generally has expressed the hope that he will be more successful than he has been heretofore.

The wretched Russian Jews have been forbidden to pass through German territory and are forced to remain in Russia from which they were fleeing. The reason for this order was the prevalence of typhus fever among the fugitives, and the German authorities feared the spread of the pestilence, if introduced into Germany by the Russian immigrants.

The *Bishopville Eagle* screams no more: With the last issue that journal discontinued publication and for the present, at least is numbered with the things that were. The suspension of the *Eagle* will be felt as a loss in Bishopville and vicinity. A paper is a great addition to a community and is not properly appreciated until it is lost. We shall miss the *Eagle* from our exchange table, for by it we were always entertained and often highly amused by the rare wit and humor of some of the articles.

We are reliably informed that a large number of farmers on the line of the Charleston, Sumter and Northern Railway have planted truck to a greater or less extent. There are large numbers of farmers who could plant truck as a side crop, but have not done so; we would again urge upon them the necessity of diversifying crops, and call their attention to the profit derived from truck farming. The average net profit from truck per acre is put down at \$30. It is not too late to plant some kinds of vegetables, and cotton will be lower this fall than it was last fall.

The House Free Coinage bill has not yet come up for a vote and it is not probable that it will. The bill has been practically defeated by the failure of the Rules Committee, of which Speaker Crisp is chairman, to report a rule preventing the opponents of the bill from fighting the bill by dilatory tactics. Doubtless the bill would have passed by a majority of ten or more had a direct vote been obtained. The free coinage of silver is a wide and intricate question which we are not entirely familiar with our present understanding of it, we are in favor of restoring silver to the same position it held previous to 1873 on an equal footing with gold.

The *Columbia Register*, the successor of the defunct *Charleston World* as the Tillmanite organ is a success. The weak but willing organ, owned by a man who was the beneficiary, if not a party to, the direct fraud ever attempted in this State since the days of good stealing, has been strengthened by the acquisition of Col. Larry Gant, a native of South Carolina, but a galvanized Georgian, and noted in that State as a demagogue, and political acrobat. Never an admirer of Larry, or even the Harry and Larry editorial combination, while one of his reading constituents in Georgia, we are now thoroughly disgusted with the doughty Colonel and his socialistic demagoguery. Talent the editorial exponent of Tillmanism, undoubtedly has, but he has sold it and is using it for a base purpose when he endeavors to array class against class in this State. The *Register* is an organ and nothing more.

THE MARCH CONVENTION.

A complete report of the proceedings of the convention held in Columbia on last Tuesday, March 24th, is given on another page. The report is condensed from the detailed reports that appeared in the daily papers, and is accurate and entirely reliable.

The convention was a notable one in its constituents; no more earnest, conservative, patriotic or solid body of citizens has ever assembled to consult together for the good of the State. The members of the convention were men in the prime of life, good citizens, respected in their own communities, and men who were not in the Convention for the purpose of personal benefit, but were there for the purpose of consulting together and in the hope of taking some action that would result to the good of the whole people, irrespective of section or position, and to the good of the entire State.

In this convention there was no thought and no mention of class; it was an assembly of South Carolinians, common citizens of a common State, to whom any honest man, willing to live and let live, and with the interests of the State at heart, was as honorable as any other, regardless of occupation or position. The membership of the convention was apportioned among the occupations as follows: farmers 172, farmers and mechanics 15, merchants 22, lawyers 31, doctors 6, editors 7, general 32; and the composition of the meeting was a good index of the sentiment of the convention, that while con-

sidering no particular class; represented all.

The convention was harmonious, united and conservative, and unanimous in opposition to Tillmanism and determination to bring about its defeat, by a fight within the party.

The work of the convention speaks for itself. The platform adopted and the ticket nominated are such that all those who are dissatisfied with the Tillman mode of administering the affairs of the State, can get upon the platform and by their votes and personal influence support the ticket without fear of reproach. The platform is strong, broad, liberal non-partisan, and the men nominated are all men of honesty, ability and patriotism and to our knowledge, against whom nothing detrimental has ever been charged. While the men on the ticket are not, in several cases, exactly those we would have named, yet it is a ticket we can and will give our heartiest support to, as we are firm believers in the wisdom of the verdict of the intelligent majority as expressed in this convention. It is a ticket that would merit the hearty support of all Carolinians at any time, and when compared to Tillman and his followers, much the more does it deserve the support of every good and true man.

CLOSING THE STORES.

For several years the merchants have been accustomed to close their stores at 6 o'clock in the evening, during the summer months, beginning with May 1st.

We understand that there is a decided sentiment in favor of commencing the early closing earlier this year—about April 15th.

We hope the sentiment will gather strength, and that all the merchants will decide to close at 6 o'clock from the middle of April.

THE RAILROAD TAXES.

When the several County Treasurers of the State, acting under instructions from the Comptroller General, refused the taxes tendered by the railroads on the original assessments, it was given out from headquarters that the railroads would be forced to pay all the taxes levied upon them by the Comptroller General, and that all or none was wanted. A change has taken place in the mental attitude of the Administration, and they want badly that which was so recently refused. So they have employed legal ability, high priced ability too, to get them out of the hole in which pig-headed ignorance had placed them, and they appeal to the courts for an order requiring the railroads to pay into the county treasuries the amount heretofore tendered and refused.

In response to the application Judge Simonton of the United States District Court has rendered the following decision:

"It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the complainant (railroad) deposit with the clerk of this court, within ten days from the date of this order, a certified check, drawn upon a solvent bank, payable to each county treasurer defendant herein, the check to such treasurer being for the same sum of money heretofore tendered to him by complainant as the sum admitted to be due. That the said clerk deliver to each of said defendants, or to his attorneys in this case, the check so drawn. That upon delivery of such check, the bank upon which it is drawn remaining solvent, it shall be received and accepted as of the day of the original tender, with the same force, effect and operation, to waver, intent, purpose and inference whatsoever, as if the money was actually received on that day. All questions as to the costs of this receipt and delivery are reserved."

This order merely permits the railroads to do exactly what they desired to do more than a month ago, and has no effect, one way or the other, on the suit of the State against them to enforce the payment of all the additional tax on the increased assessment. This phase of the suit will be decided in due course by the courts. The only result of the refusal to receive the taxes when tendered, has been to keep the State out of the money for about forty days, and to pile up a fine lot of lawyers fees to be paid by the taxpayers.

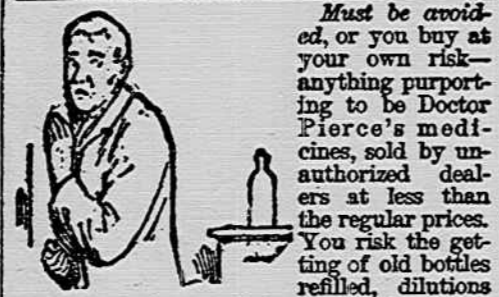
The injustice of the attempt to force the railroads to pay taxes on the full value of their property should be apparent to every one, when the facts of the case are considered. It would not be justice to force one person to pay taxes on the full value of his property, and allow his neighbor to pay on only one-half, or less, of the value of his property. Throughout the State it is the custom of a majority of taxpayers to return their property at a great deal less than the real value, and such being the unbalanced custom, it was a gross piece of injustice, nearly akin to tyranny to force the railroads, by an arbitrary increase in the assessment, to pay on full value.

In Sumter County property is returned at above the average of other counties, in fact the average was so much above the average of other counties, that several years ago the State Board of Equalization reduced the assessment, so as to place the taxpayers of Sumter County on an equal footing with those of other counties. And here in Sumter County horses and mules are returned for taxation at an average value of not more than \$40, and other personal property at the same rate. It is safe to say then, that property is returned in this county at not more than two-thirds value, if that.

The true value of real estate returned for taxation is more difficult to arrive at, but in our opinion that the values found on the Auditor's books are farther from the true values than that of per-

sonal property. For instance: land in Bishopville township is returned at \$5 per acre, on an average, and some of the identical land returned at that value could not be bought for \$25, \$40 or even \$50 per acre; in Stateburg at \$6; in Middleton at \$5 and so on. This shows how individuals return their property, and there can be no doubt but that some of the very persons who are raising a howl because the railroads are fighting against paying taxes on the full value of their property, while others pay on but one-half or one-third, have their property returned at far less than market value. The next time any of our readers hear a man talking about the banks, railroads or other corporations defrauding the State by not paying taxes on the full value of property, they had better drop into the Auditor's office and see how the talker pays the State what he owes.

We maintain that all property should be returned at full market value, and then all would obtain justice; and the taxes would be no greater, for the levy would be reduced in a ratio corresponding to the increased value of the property returned.



Must be avoided, or you buy at your own risk—anything purporting to be Doctor Pierce's medicines, sold by unauthorized dealers at less than the regular price. You risk the getting of old bottles refilled, dilutions of the genuine medicines, imitations, and substitutes. To prevent all this, and to protect the public from fraud and imposition, the genuine guaranteed medicines of Dr. R. V. Pierce are now sold only through druggists, regularly authorized as agents, and at the following long-established prices: Golden Medical Discovery (for Liver, Blood and Lung Diseases), \$1.00. Favorite Prescription for women's weaknesses and ailments, \$1.00. Pleasant Pellets for the Liver, 25 cents. Comp. Ext. Sarsaparilla, 50 cents. Dr. Pierce's Remedies are the cheapest you can buy, for you pay only for the good you get. They're guaranteed to give satisfaction, or you have your money back.

WANTS.

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

FOR SALE—Planting lands in all sections of Sumter and Clarendon counties. Small farms and large plantations, city lots in all parts of the city. W. H. INGRAM, Broker, October 14.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

SUMTER, S. C., March 24, 1892. THE FIRM OF EPPERSON & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All liabilities of said firm due the firm will be settled by H. Harby. R. F. EPPERSON, H. HARRY.

SUMTER, S. C., March 24, 1892. THE LIBRARY BUSINESS RECENTLY conducted by Epperson & Co., will be continued by me at my stables corner Liberty and Sumter Streets. H. HARRY, March 30.

Plants and Flowers.

OTTO GARHARDT, florist and landscape gardener, has for sale a variety of Cabbage, Tomato and other vegetable plants ready to set out. Also Roses, Geraniums and other flowers. He offers his services to lay out and attend to gardens. Also will take charge of lots at the Cemetery and keep them in condition for a moderate charge. Apply at the Cemetery Lodge, or leave orders at the store of W. H. Yates. Feb 30.—10m.

NOTICE.

ALL PARTIES HOLDING BILLS against the City of Sumter, will please present same for payment on March 31st, 1892. W. ALSTON PRINGLE, Jr., Clerk and Treasurer. Sumter, March 29, 1892.

ELECTION NOTICE.

SUMTER, March 29, 1892. NOTICE is hereby given that on TUESDAY, 12th day of APRIL 1892, there will be held an election for Mayor and Wardens for the City of Sumter, to serve for the ensuing two years. Polls will be opened on Main Street in front of the Court House in the City of Sumter at 8 Right o'clock in the morning and closed at 5 Five o'clock in the afternoon. The following have been appointed to conduct said election: E. F. MILLER, J. A. SCHWERTIN, M. H. FIELDS.

By order City Council of Sumter, S. C. W. ALSTON PRINGLE, Jr., Clerk and Treasurer. March 30.

Drug Store.

FULL ASSORTMENT OF DRUGS, MEDICINES

—AND—

Fancy Articles.

FINE CIGARS A SPECIALTY.

J. S. HUGHSON & CO., Monaghan Block. MAIN STREET, MECH 30. SUMTER, S. C.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER,

By T. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, E. G. DUBOSE, made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of BUTLER B. DUBOSE, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Butler B. Dubose late of Clarendon County in said State deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, on April 14th, 1892 next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand, this 30th day of March, Anno Domini, 1892. THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate. March 30—2t

Estate of Josiah Haynsworth, DECEASED.

CREDITORS of the Estate of the said Josiah Haynsworth are notified to render an account of their demands, duly attested, to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said deceased will make payment to the undersigned, the Executors of the Will of said deceased. J. COHEN WILSON, W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, Sumter, S. C., March 30, 1892.

Estate of Mrs. Isabella D. Moses, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having claims against aforesaid Estate, will present the same duly attested, and those indebted in any way to said Estate will make payment without delay to ALTA MATHES, Quailed Executor. March 29, 1892. 3t.

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SCHWARTZ BROS.

Palace Dry Goods Emporium.

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And believe in them, is evidenced by the immediate responses you give them. We invited you to participate with us in

OUR SPRING OPENING, YOU ACCEPTED THE INVITATION

And saw that we had not said too much. Our Grand Spring Opening is a thing of the past, but

UNLIKE MOST PLEASURES,

The realization far surpassed the anticipation of every one. In fact the ladies declared the store with its wealth of

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A Dream of Beauty not Easily Forgotten.

All the New Styles and Colorings for Spring Wear, now brighten

OUR

Dress Goods Department,

Making the possibility of pleasing you a Foregone Conclusion. Here are a few of the new weaves in Dress Goods of which we have full lines:

Elephantine, Crepons, (Fancy & Plain. Crocodile, Crinkled Crepons, Chevrons, Gloriosos.

Fancy and plain Bedford Cords, Etc., Etc., Etc. The most beautiful line of Trimmings to match all the above.

The Popular Chiffons,

In large variety of colorings.

We are ever Willing to put Our PRICES IN PRINT. Note the following:

All the best Calicoes in fancy dress styles, Mournings and Shirtings, only 5c.

2 cases Fancy Challies, (equal to silks in colorings) at 5c. and 7c., worth 8 and 10c.

75 pieces Dress Ginghams, beautiful styles, at 8 and 9c. EXTRA VALUE.

65 pieces double-fold White Nainsooks in Stripes, Checks and Plaids, at 5c., sold usually for 8c.

Silks Mulls (50 in. wide) all shades at 45c.

Embroidered demi Flouncings from 25c. up.

A BIG DRIVE in Ladies' Silk Taffeta Gloves. All colors and black at 25c.

60 doz. Ladies' Undervests at 10c. worth double.

Large line of Mattings from 15c. up.

—AND—

Lots of Other Bargains,

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A Complete Stock of Notions.

Ladies' UNDERVESTS in Great Variety, Silk, Wool and Cotton. From 10c. to \$2.00.

We ask your Special Attention to

Our Stock of Handkerchiefs. From 3 cents to 50 cents.

—ALSO—

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New Arrival of Thompson's Glove Fitting Corsets.

OUR DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT

Is in full blast under the efficient management of Miss McLean, formerly of London, who has both a foreign and domestic training. Fit guaranteed.

Respectfully,

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