

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, '02

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

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Tillmanites still control in a majority of the counties and the way they exercised the power in their hands was disgraceful in a number of instances.

The monthly meteorological summary of Weather Bureau shows that less rain fell during the month of April than in any previous April within the last 20 years.

Nashville, Tenn., has been the scene of a lynching that for boldness is almost without a parallel.

All of the European governments made preparations to quell anarchist disturbances that might arise on May day.

Editor T. Larry Gantt, of the Southern Alliance Farmer, of Atlanta, Ga., was less than two months ago declaring in every issue that Northern could not and should not be re-elected Governor of Georgia.

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We congratulate the members of the convention, and we congratulate all Democrats that we have a re-constituted party in Sumter County.

AN ADMIRABLE DEMOCRAT. The Columbia Register of April 26th contains the speech which Secretary of State James E. Tindal made on April 23d.

From this we would be led to believe, if we did not know better, that the honorable gentleman had always been the truest and most devoted Democrat.

What you have heard of Secretary Tindal's "quadrant" Radical proclivities is strictly true, and the fact that for a long while he was discarded by some of his nearest relatives.

At a few minutes after 12 o'clock on Monday county chairman D. E. Keels called the county convention together in the Court House.

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Statenburg—Jno Ravenel, W W Reed, DeSessauz Bull; membership 76, reported 98, erased 27.

Wedgefield—Peter Mellett, J M Moseley, Jno C Singleton; membership 67, reported 64, erased 3.

Privateer—W O Cain, Frank Mellett, J G Tiverton, McDonald Furman; membership 90, reported 79, erased 4.

This completed the roll call of clubs and H. A. Thomas got up and tried to enter protest for effect against Thermopylae.

Chairman Keels stated that the appointment of committees on credentials was next in order.

Maj. H. F. Wilson moved that each delegation be allowed to select one of its number to represent it on the credential committee.

Chairman Keels followed him to sit down; that he intended following the usage and each delegation not protested would have the right to name a member of its committee.

Mr. D. Lee said that the parliamentary law governing such matters was similar to what Mr. Moses had stated.

Col. J. D. Lee said that unless the whole delegation of a club was protested, that club should have representation on the committee.

Col. W. A. James, Jr., moved that nomination of clubs and the election be had by a viva voce vote.

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There was a great difference of opinion as to what was the best course to pursue under the circumstances.

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