

The Watchman and Southron. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14, '92.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1840 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Annual Trade Review of Charleston, by the News & Courier, was issued last week. The record is very flattering to Charleston in the depressed condition of business during the past year. It shows that the trade of Charleston has a solid basis, and that under the most unfavorable conditions Charleston holds her own with other places.

Cholera, while a terrible scourge, and one which all men fear and use every effort and prevention to avoid, is not near so deadly as the fashionable gripe. None of the cholera epidemics, which have afflicted this country in the past, have even approached in number of victims the gripe epidemics of the past two or three years. This assertion may surprise some persons, but statistics bear it out.

The tobacco men all over the South are taking great interest in the development of the industry in South Carolina. Within the past week or two we have received a number of letters of inquiry from warehousemen in the various large tobacco markets. They all seem anxious to handle South Carolina tobacco, and they all report a short crop in Virginia and North Carolina.

George William Curtis, editor of Harper's Weekly and the Easy Chair in Harper's Monthly Magazine, died at his home in West Brighton, Staten Island, on August 31st. He was one of the most distinguished editors, orators and authors of America, and a man universally admired and respected. As an orator he had few equals in ease of delivery, strength and clearness of conception, and force of argument, as an author he has given pleasure to thousands and instructed all who read with the desire to learn, as an editor he was always found on the side of what he conceived to be honesty, purity and right.

Justice, like citizenship, is often merely a matter of intention. It was nothing more than simple justice that the contest against Sumter Box 1 be discontinued when found to be groundless, but it was not Mr. Thomas's intention to do so until he found himself unable to accomplish his purpose of throwing out the votes of honest men in sufficient number to change the result of the election in favor of his faction. Consequently there is nothing praiseworthy in the abandonment of the contest by Mr. Thomas. It is his intention that we consider, and not the final victory of right and justice, represented by the Conservative side, over wrong and injustice as personified by Mr. H. R. Thomas. The intention was to throw out sufficient votes to elect members of his faction to office, and though the intention could not be put into effect, we judge by the intention.

Mr. H. R. Thomas took occasion to say quite a number of complimentary things about himself in his speech announcing the abandonment of the contest against Sumter Box 1. It was well, in our opinion, that he congratulated himself, for no one with a clear conception of Mr. Thomas's position would have been able to do so. In these evil days into which the old State has fallen of late, it may be the proper thing to congratulate a man who has pursued to the extremity of his power an unjust course towards his opponents and abandons it only when his efforts prove fruitless of injury, but we doubt the fitness of such congratulations. We can, however, congratulate Mr. Thomas that he, alone, can find something praiseworthy in his conduct, and are willing for him to congratulate himself upon his justice and fairness to the people of Sumter.

A POOR EXCUSE.

The following paragraph from the Bishopville News is the best example of a poor excuse being worse than none that we have ever seen. The U. S. Census of 1890 states that there are only 2730 white voters in Sumter County, and as the Sumter Club failed to poll its full strength by fifty votes there would be only thirty-seven more votes to account for in addition to the 2643 polled to make up the allotted 2730. Of course we do not claim that the census is absolutely correct, but it is a close approximation. The truth of the matter is that the Conservatives happen to have the most men and they got to the polls with the ballots:

Sumter County has gone for Sheppard by a small majority simply because the Reformers did not "work" as they should have done—but the "boys" will be up and doing next time "and don't you forget it." The Reformers are in the majority in this county, over confidence is what defeated us, while the Anti-Slavery left the stone unturned. They obeyed part only of the scriptural injunction by going out into the highways and hedges and bidding them to come with money and price; others again they compelled to come out and vote for Sheppard. We accept the defeat manfully and will cast our votes in November just as cheerfully as if Tillman had carried Sumter. All we desire is for the Reform faction to profit from its defeat.—Bishopville News.

The Contested Election.

The Sub-Committee appointed to take evidence in the contested cases completed its work on last Wednesday evening. The Executive Committee assembled in the Court House on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, but was unable to begin work promptly as the stenographer Mr. L. I. Parrott had not completed the typewritten copy of the evidence. By way of postponement it may be said that the evidence taken amounted to more than 15,000 words.

While waiting on Mr. Parrott, Mr. DuPre moved that a committee be appointed to recount the votes in Kember's Store and Stieberg boxes, as there was a question whether all the ballots cast for Trial Justice had been numbered properly. A committee was appointed and votes recounted. In the recount, 1 vote for Keels, 2 for Folk and 2 for Lenoir were not numbered. In Stieberg 1 for Lenoir and 2 for Folk were not numbered.

Do you pay any poll tax? I pay taxes on property in Charleston. Your family are living in Charleston? Yes sir.

Are you here for the purpose of employment or are you here to make this your home? As long as I can get along, I am going to stay here.

Why don't you bring your family here? I had my family here but they could not stay here.

You are going to make this your permanent home? Yes sir.

How often do you go to see your family in Charleston? Sometimes once a month and sometimes once in six months, according to how I can get off.

You are going to make this your permanent home? Yes sir, as long as I have employment here. I have no wife, I have children.

Do you pay poll tax on your head in Sumter County? I pay taxes on property in Charleston.

The Chairman: How long have you been here? Two years.

Have you paid poll tax? No sir.

Did you not at one time refuse to pay poll tax in Sumter County? I told him that I paid taxes on property in Charleston.

You refused to pay poll tax? I did not.

You refused to pay your poll tax? I promised to come up but did not come.

You said that you were a citizen of another county? I said that I paid taxes in Charleston. My family was in the city here.

When do you make your returns in Charleston? Every year.

Did you return last year? Yes sir.

Do you return your poll in Charleston? Yes sir, my agent does it.

You got the poll tax on your receipt? Yes sir.

As I understand it, when you went to work here you resided here, your family was here. You are a widower, you lost your wife, your little children, you had them up here, they went back to reside with your mother. Yes sir.

You are not a married man? No sir.

You have a family of little children? Yes sir.

Where do you consider you live? In Sumter.

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RETURNS OF THE SECOND PRIMARY Election, Held Sept. 13, 1892.

Table with columns: SO. COM., COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AUDITOR, SHERIFF, VOTING PLACES, and Total vote cast. Lists candidates like W. J. DuRant, W. B. Moore, etc.

Sumter No. 1. Sumter No. 2. Pleasant Grove. Taylor's. R. J. Anderson's House. Bossard. Remberts Store. Bishopville. Mayesville. Carter's Crossing. Wedgefield. Line School House. Corbett's Store. Gordon's Mill. Zoar. Osteen's Mill.

Mr. Thomas made a very bitter speech in which he said that it was a shame that railroad men, who came here only for the employment, who paid nothing for the support of the government and who performed none of the duties of citizenship should be allowed to vote and set up a government over the old residents who had paid the taxes, who had a little one-horse concern like the C. S. & N. can vote such a crowd, what could that great and rich system the Coast Line do if it wanted.

Mr. Thomas made a few remarks asking careful consideration of the case as a great deal depended upon it. The votes resulted 21 to 8 declaring Mr. O'Brien a legal voter.

Mr. Thomas then announced that all contests made by himself were withdrawn. That he saw that he was decidedly in the wrong and further contest was useless. He had but done what he considered his duty and what was right and just. He had brought down upon himself the enmity of the people of Sumter, but had gone on in the discharge of his duties untroubled by jeers, hisses and threats.

Mr. J. O. Keels made a short speech and moved that all contests be withdrawn. Mr. R. E. Carnes moved that the election be declared as tabulated. Mr. R. M. Wilson moved to amend, that election be declared as tabulated after deducting illegal votes from Conservative Electoral and Legislative tickets as they were the highest in Sumter No. 1.

Mr. R. E. Carnes moved a vote of thanks to Chairman D. E. Keels for his fair and just discharge of his duties as a position. Unanimously carried. Chairman Keels thanked the committee, saying that he had announced, when elected to that position, that he would know neither faction, and had striven to discharge his duties in an impartial non-partisan manner.

Chairman Keels has given general satisfaction by fairness and decisiveness. If he has favored one faction more than the other at any time his conduct in the chair and his rulings have not shown it.

The defeat of Mr. Thomas is very gratifying as it vindicates the Sumter club and proves that Sumter polls as honest and legal vote. The few illegal votes that were found were promptly thrown out, and in the future the same thing will be done.

There is no use talking, neither Harrison or Cleveland will be elected unless they take De Witt's Little Early Risers. They have a "get there" quality possessed by no other pill. J. S. Hughes & Co.

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BOARDERS WANTED.—Two gentlemen are wanted at the corner of Republican and Harris Streets. Excellent board and large, airy rooms. Sept. 14 11.

FOR SALE.—A good family horse. Sound. Price \$75. Can be managed by a child. Apply at this office.

TO RENT.—House with all necessary out-buildings and premises. All information furnished at N. W. Cor. Main and Warren sts. or by R. D. Lee.

TO RENT.—A desirable brick store on Liberty street near to Brown & Chandler's. Thoroughly renovated. Possession given at once. For particulars, apply to B. J. Barnett. Sept. 7-21.

FOR SALE.—A nice mule and two-horse wagon. Wagon used but little. Price one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) for mule and wagon, payable on or before Nov. 1st, 1892. S. J. Brown. Sept. 1-21.

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FOR RENT.—The store on Liberty Street, now occupied by P. B. Gallagher. Possession given Sept. 1st. Apply to Haynsworth & Cooper. Aug. 31.

ROAD NOTICE. OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF SUMTER. SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 3, 1892.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will let out to the lowest responsible bidder, on Sept. 23rd instant, at 11 a. m., at Belfong Creek Bridge (R. R. Track), the repairing of said bridge, specifications made known at that time.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. They live in Charleston? They do.

THOS. V. WALSH, Clerk. FOR SALE. THE VERY DESIRABLE LOT BELONGING to Mrs. John M. Tindall, nearly opposite the Baptist Church and one door West of the residence of Neil O'Donnell, Esq. Apply to J. M. TINDALL, at Tindall, P. O., or HAYNSWORTH & COOPER, Sumter, S. C. Sept. 7-11.

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