

Wednesday, May 10, 1899. The Watchman and Southeron was founded in 1840 and the True Southeron in 1866. The Watchman and Southeron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

President Cleveland, died out of the importance of office which has given notice that he will receive them no more in person. The lynchers of Williamsburg killed the guilty man—the self confessed wretch—and under such circumstances Judge Lynch's conduct is of competent jurisdiction.

Our suggestion that the vagrant law be enforced is meeting with general approval. The Herald follows it up with the suggestion for the establishment of a chain gang.

It is rumored in Washington that Col. Joseph H. Earle will be a candidate for the Senate in opposition to Senator Butler. As yet there has been nothing in confirmation of the rumor.

For several weeks past there has been a regular epidemic of editorial controversy prevailing in this State. Now, the worst ink-slingers are denoting their talents to treaties on journalistic ethics.

Editor T. B. Crews, of the Laurensville Herald has been appointed postmaster at Laurens. Senator Rye, apparently was not despoiled of the privilege of naming his home postmaster.

The validity of the new bonds of the State is questioned, and a suit has been instituted in the Supreme Court to decide the matter. It takes a large share of a man's time to keep up with law suits the State has become involved in.

A number of leading Tillmanites held a conference at the Governor's Mansion one night last week. They have not given out the purpose or result of the conference. They are doubtless taking counsel as to how they may hold on to what they have, and get all the pap in sight.

There is talk of an extra session of the Legislature to straighten out the tangle the State government is in. It is a great scheme to squander more money, but as to straightening anything, we have doubts. Tillman and his "drift wood" legislators have not proved successful in this line in the past.

Hon. M. L. Donaldson's reply to Gov. Tillman's open letter setting forth his reasons for blacklisting Mr. Donaldson, shows up the hypocrisy and demagoguery of our gallant Governor, from an Alliance point of view—something new in this era of general political hypocrisy.

The determination of the trustees of the South Carolina College to appoint competent gentlemen to hold the entrance examinations in the different counties instead of in Columbia as heretofore is a good move; and the appointment of Mr. John B. Duffie as examiner of this county is satisfactory to the friends of the college.

The Augusta Chronicle of Monday says: "Editor Pleasant A. Stovall has been chosen as orator for the opening of Columbia's carnival on the 17th. The selection is a happy one. Mr. Stovall is a graceful and eloquent speaker and is as thoroughly master of the situation on the rostrum as in the sanctum. Columbia has a treat in store for her."—

The correspondence between Gov. Tillman and Solicitor Jerry is given in full to-day at the expense of other matters, as we deem it of the first importance. Gov. Tillman is using his position for the apparent purpose of embarrassing a political opponent and not for the purpose of bringing the guilty to justice. So far Mr. Jerry seems to have the better of the correspondence, but nothing is accomplished towards furthering the cause of justice. We don't believe Gov. Tillman has the remotest idea that the Denmark lynchings will be brought to justice, nor that he will accomplish anything towards that end by his correspondence with Mr. Jerry. He is endeavoring to distract public attention from his gross negligence of duty in delivering Peterson over to the mercy of the mob. Solicitor Bellinger is, doubtless, acting under instructions from Gov. Tillman.

The Freeman by its continued compliments keeps us under obligations. The following letter was brought forth by our remarks concerning the Freeman's dry-gins:

"Pretty good, pretty good for our little neighbor! We know people generally won't believe it, but it is a fact nevertheless, that your little neighbor can do right well sometimes on small occasions. It is only where some thought, learning or logic is required that it becomes so ludicrous in its efforts, as to make a cat laugh."

We appreciate this, and to show that we desire to merit the commendation, will venture a few steps into the realm of logic: Our efforts make a cat laugh.

Our efforts make the editor of the Freeman laugh. The Freeman, the editor is a cat; and from his recent caterwauling he is evidently of the Thomas variety.

With the kind consideration of the Freeman, and the aid of time, we may acquire sufficient thought, learning and logic to be able to spread over an entire page of a paper what one less gifted would say in one column.

Tillman vs Jerry. Columbia, S. C., May 4. The after-math of the Denmark lynching grows interesting. The developments are rare, and those of the near future will probably be more so. From the published utterance of Governor Tillman on the subject the general impression has been that he would take no action against the lynchings. But the preliminary steps to-day, and in a way that was unexpected, bold and startling. At a mass meeting of citizens in this city recently to express themselves on Governor Tillman's course in sending the negro Peterson before the lynch mob, Solicitor Jerry, of Charleston, happened to be present. Being called upon to speak he made use of these remarks:

"I have solicitor in Barnwell county I should indict every man who took part in that murder and I should name as accessory before the act, B. R. Tillman. (Loud Applause.) And in my arguments before the jury I should name as accessory after the fact, every man who was present when it was shown that he was more responsible than any of them." (Loud Applause.)

To-day the governor made public a letter written to him yesterday by Solicitor Bellinger, of the Barnwell circuit in which he says:

"I desire to call your attention officially to the recent lynching at Denmark in connection with the following statement: So far no warrant has been sworn out by any one against any person supposed to be connected with the affair and the proceedings and verdict of the jury inquest pass an information upon which prosecution can be begun. Under the circumstances if the owner is to receive that investigation which its gravity seems to require it becomes the duty of an executive officer to institute proceedings in the premises. Inasmuch as the violation of the law was committed in the community in which I have many relatives and connections, it is not improbable that some of them were implicated, especially when it is stated that the entire community engaged in the enterprise. Such being the case, any effort on my part to bring the perpetrators to justice would be embarrassing to me and probably injurious to the State. I therefore respectfully request that your excellency would charge the solicitor of your of the following circuit to take

charge of the case and would suggest Solicitor Jerry to issue a writ of habeas corpus and would probably better understand the situation. He could give the matter satisfactory attention."

Herein comes the interesting part of the story. To-day Governor Tillman wrote a letter to Solicitor Jerry, in which he notifies him of Bellinger's letter and says: "I therefore direct you to proceed to Denmark at once, and to cause the arrest of the persons named in the letter, and to cause the lynchings to be investigated and the necessary steps to be taken to vindicate the law and punish the lynchers."

The conclusion of the governor's letter illustrates the very refinement of sarcasm. He says: "I comply with Mr. Bellinger's request, more readily because you will know your legal ability give assurance that you will do your whole duty."—ours very respectfully,

B. R. TILLMAN, Gov. P. S.—Mr. Bellinger will of course take your place in any new circuit, and you will which may interfere with your compliance with this order."

Mr. Jerry at once replied in the following letter: CHARLESTON, S. C., May 5, 1893. His Excellency B. R. Tillman, Governor, Columbia, S. C.

Sir: I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant, wherein you direct me "to proceed to Denmark at your (my) earliest convenience, for the purpose of thoroughly investigating and punishing the lynchings."

All lawful directions emanating from the Executive shall be fully and earnestly carried out by me, but without any sanction, as Solicitor, to go into another circuit and assume the enforcement of the criminal law there.

Section 511 of the General Statutes, under which I assume to act in the matter, authorizes the Governor to direct the solicitors to assist the Attorney General, or each other, in all suits or prosecutions in behalf of the State.

The section clearly contemplates that a Solicitor so directed must be associated with, not supersede, the constituted representative of the State in any circuit in some suit of prosecution here pending.

I am authorized to direct that original proceedings, and that an indictment presented by him would not be valid.

When the Solicitor of the Second Circuit shall have performed his functions under the law, and a prosecution has been begun in Barnwell County, should you think that the interests of the State would be subserved by my presence, I will promptly obey the direction of your Excellency.

The duty is one of grave responsibility, and should be sought or evaded, and shall I devote to its proper execution all the ability and earnestness at my command?

I have honor to be very respectfully, Solicitor First Circuit. In reply to this letter, the Governor wrote Mr. Jerry the following letter, which is full of the spiciest reading: COLUMBIA, S. C., May 6. Sir: J. J. Jerry, Esq., Charleston, S. C.

Sir: I have your letter of the 5th inst. and note its contents. The order for you to proceed to Denmark was based upon an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, as well as upon my own construction of the powers conferred upon me under Section 511 of the General Statutes. While it may be presumption in me, a layman, to construe law differently from so distinguished an ornament of the bar as yourself, I insist that you are "splitting hairs," so to speak.

The section above quoted says: "Solicitors shall do the duty of the Attorney General, and give their counsel and advice to the Governor and other State officers in matters of public concern, whenever they shall be by them required to do so, and assist the Attorney General, or each other, in all suits or prosecutions in behalf of the State when directed to do so by the Governor." It is clear from this section that the Attorney General has power to take original proceedings in criminal cases in any county and it follows that any Solicitor when ordered by the Governor to do so, is bound to do so.

What Mr. Jerry is going to do about it is the question. Will he go, and if he does will he indict the Governor like he said he would?

"You will not assert that the disability of the Solicitor of the Second Circuit paralyzes a Solicitor 'pro tem,' and the technical language of the Statute is to be construed to each other," can be construed to forbid an interchange of work or swapping places by the Solicitor, even to take original proceedings.

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On the Wing in Florida. ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. Mr. Editor:—For some time, I have wanted to write you a letter, but these lazy Florida days seem to come to doleful close to half done and half dream. There is energy for nothing. A man told me he had seen a thousand fish swimming here in a stream, but the people were too lazy to pull them out of the water. You will understand, then, why I have not written.

In my journeyings, after ten days spent in Charleston, I have visited Jacksonville, Sanford, Palatka and St. Augustine. Water travel has been selected in every case, and the boat's ride from Palatka to this place is all that I have seen of the cars. The trip on the S. S. Algonquin from Charleston to Jacksonville, was perfectly splendid, and so was the ride of 200 miles up the St. Johns River to Sanford. Along the river, our eyes were frequently startled with the sight of huge alligators lying in the water.

Florida is a southern State owned and controlled by northern people. In the Spring, as now, when the people set out for the North, everything lapses into absolute and "innocuous desuetude."

A South Carolina fish struck with the fact that he sees no farms or tilled fields along the railroads and rivers, but only low-lying swamps, morasses, then pine-forests and an occasional orange grove or truck patch, the orange groves are not so numerous as the blooms of this year have fallen. It is said that Summer here last all the year, and it is no uncommon thing to see blooms, green fruit and ripe fruit all on the same tree. It seems that the orange tree is not choosy about its bearing time, but, like death, "bath all seasons for its own."

To tell here when Summer begins and Winter ends, one must have recourse to the year or the Almanac, which, by the way, will always say, "Rain probably in Florida."

I expected to find oceans of fish in Florida, and it was my fond hope that I should have easy and frequent opportunities to indulge in the sport. But not so. On the shores of Lake Monroe, at Sanford, I diligently sought a boat and fisherman for three days—some one who could take me out and supply the bait. I heard of a negro named "Shaw," but never could I come up with him till I was about to leave the town. Even then the sight of him was disagreeable. He was very old, had but one eye, and wore knee caps with his wife's eyes, and wore knee caps with his wife's eyes, and wore knee caps with his wife's eyes.

On returning from Sanford to Palatka we reached Lake George about sundown. This is a lovely sheet of water. I guess its size is about fifteen by forty miles. As the night came on, we arose from dinner to find that we had just steamed into the river again. A playful alligator, at one of the lake landings, came within twenty steps of our boat.

Palatka our stay was short, but we found enough to interest us. Whole streets are lined with orange trees, laden with the ripe fruit, but also I they are soar, and only eatable by a person with false teeth. Capt. Cordes, once of Sumter, lives at Palatka, but I did not chance to see him. Here, as at Sanford and St. Augustine, artesian wells abound. A hole a hundred feet deep brings up a spontaneous and abundant flow of sulphur water. But every one who has been numbered with sand, and locomotion is no easy thing. From Palatka to St. Augustine by rail cost us five cents a mile, and we signed for the steamboat again where they transport you and feed you like hogs.

One is compelled to ask, "How do these Floridians live on what do they subsist?" I have seen no corn, no cotton, no potatoes, and, save as my observations were confined to the chief and only products of the State are rivers, boats, oranges, alligators and walking sticks. All of these combined would furnish but a scanty bill of fare.

I never before realized so fully the need a man has for a park, and when the park talk was going on in Sumter I could not form an opinion. But now I have one. To a stranger who seeks a place of rest in the cool of the day and to those who have no other recreation, the park is a necessity. It is an absolute need, and a man visitor to Sumter will bless the city fathers who lay the plans and foundations for us to have a pleasant fall of foot and a shady retreat.

Next to its hotels, the Plaza or park here at St. Augustine is its most frequented retreat. This, by the way, is called the oldest city in the U. S., and its earliest days are connected with the story of Juan Ponce de Leon who sailed westward in search of the Fountain of Youth. He did not find it, but Henry M. Flagler turned up a fountain of money here.

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State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER. By T. V. Walsh, Esquire, Public Judge. W. HARRIS, MRS. MARGARET W. BROWN, has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of JOHN K. BROWN, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said John K. Brown, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H., on May 19th, 189